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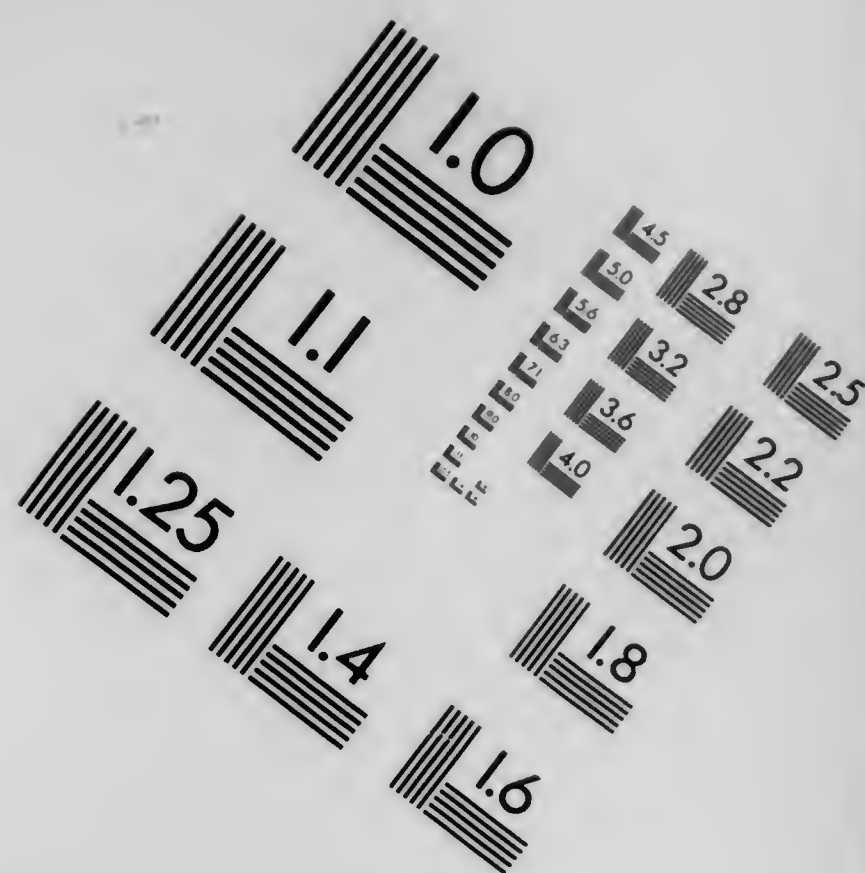
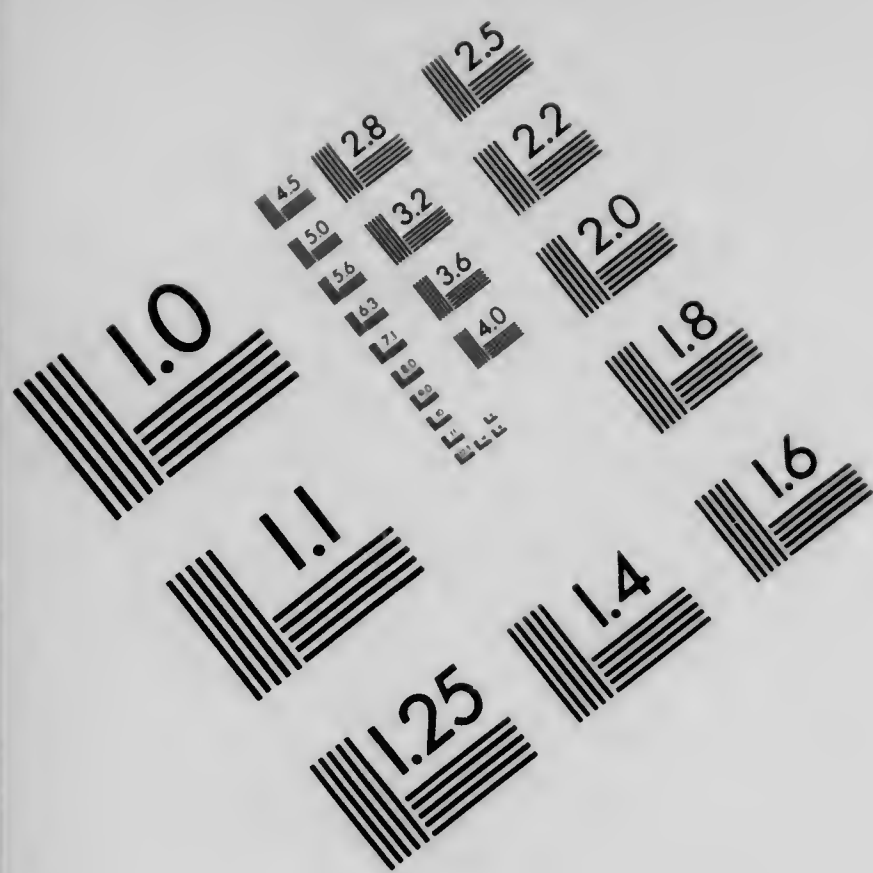
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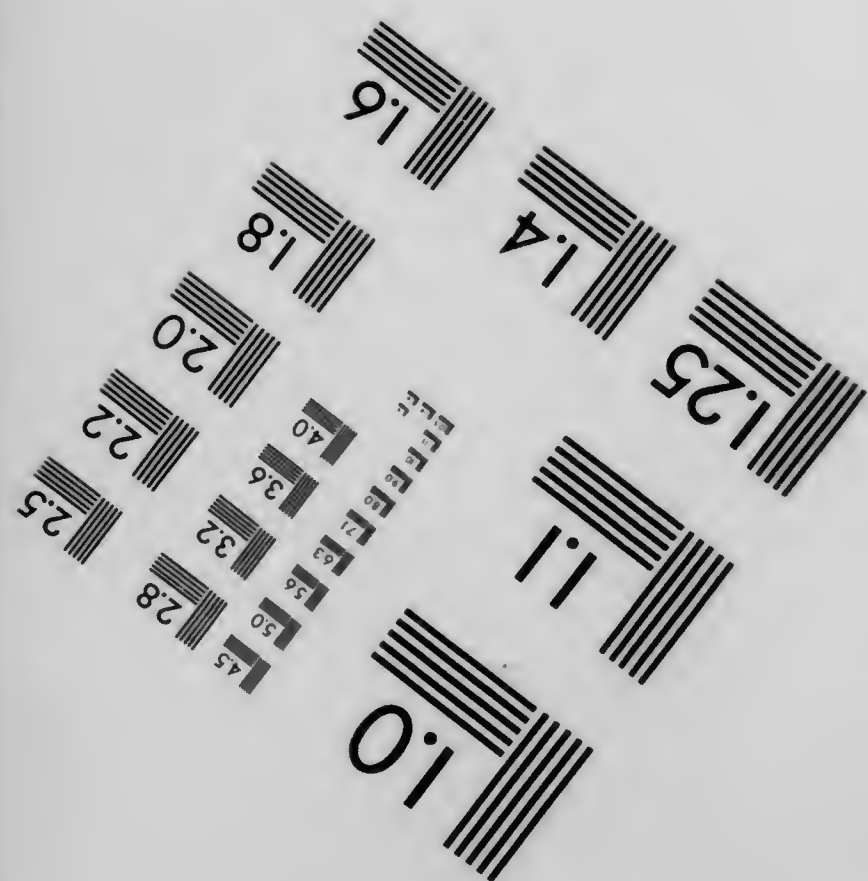
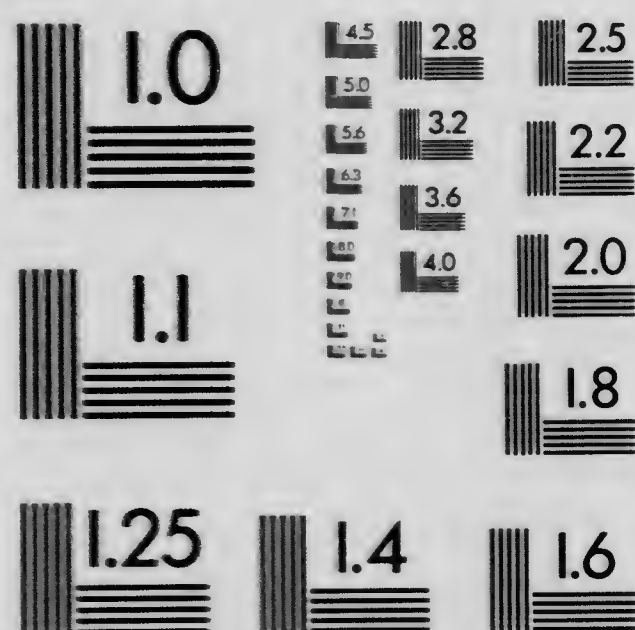
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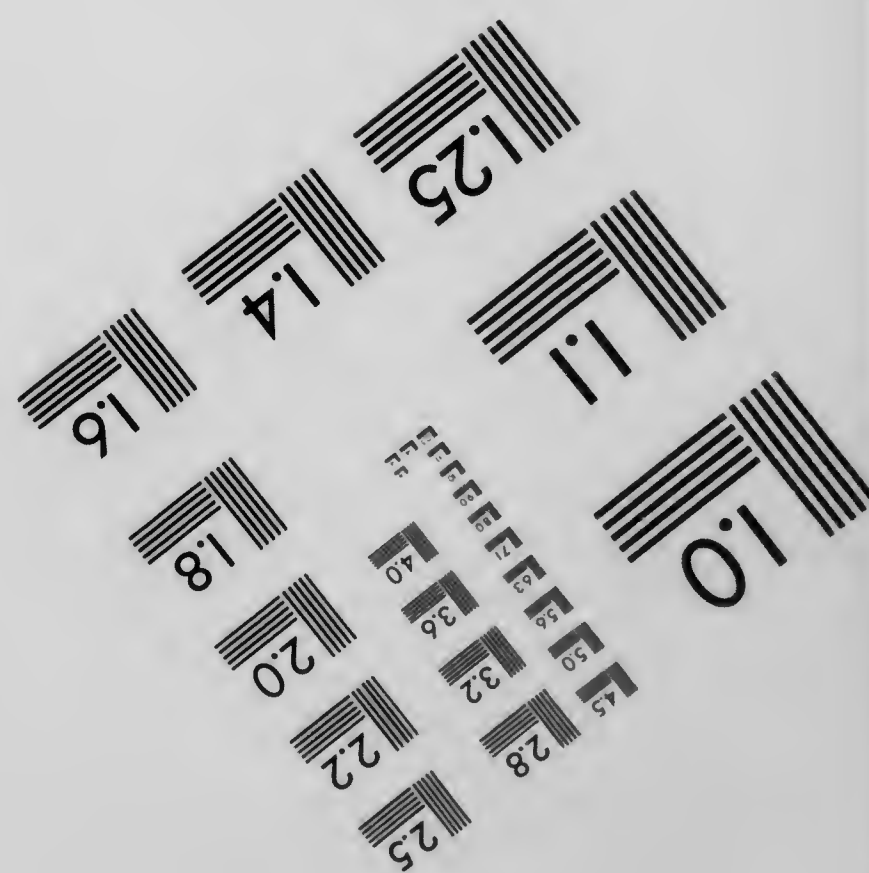
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Locust, Grove, Nov, 25, 1876.
Dear, Hart

You know the old saying is. "If at first you don't succeed try, try again".

I am going to try it and see if by perseverance I can get an answer to this letter. I rec'd a letter from you, while in Lowell and answered it immediately. but have never had any reply, so that I now feel directed at song. Not knowing your (No) I only sent it to New, Haven.

My, eye is some better but in a letter I shall say more. I am much obliged for your sympathy,

Locust, Groe, Nov, 23, 1876
Dear, Hart

You know the old
saying is. "If at first you don't
succeed try, try again".

I am going to
try it and see if by perserver-
ance I can get an answer
to this letter. I rec'd a letter
from you, while in Louisville
and answered it immedi-
ately. but have never had any
reply, so think I must have
directed it wrong. not knowing
your No. I only sent it to
New, Harco.

My, eyes is some better
but is a little trouble now yet.
I am much obliged for your
sympathy.

We have been having the most
contemptible weather lately. And
to day of all others. When we
wanted to have a clear sky and
the Sun to shine. It seems
could see the Eclipse. But clouds
at last cloud up and rain
like - Well I went out
what I was a going to but it
enough to make me quite despondent and
it with all the care imaginable. Today
this.

I do not return to London
this time. both on account of
my eyes, and my studies.

I am going to get me
the requisite books and am got
myself for in the medical
course at home as well as to
go into an office.

Dr. Kebley, of London
says he will give me a certif-

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as last pupil. from this time.
He is a thoroughly good fellow
I made some exchanges with
him while there. I got the
following eggs, Loons, Herring
Gull, Killdeer, Hoober. Hood, Quail
Green Heron. Little blue Heron,
Sparrow Hawk, White Bellied
Nail hatch, White Bellied Swallow,
and a skin of the Louisiana
Tanager.

I think I can procure
you a pair of eggs of the White
bellied Swallow if you have
room in your cell,

I think also the Bullfinch
you want. I kept some and
then a stray one. I have
not lost any more, but got
a couple while in summer.

They say you had great
success in studying them after

I felt, I think they must
be easier than the measures
or else you ~~should~~ ^{would} want
a whole lot of money
to run all the hills and
money as you decide.

I think life must be
very sweet to the prisoners. I
think to it like "Hell" or
a "hell" You may talk of,
your cats will never know
and your dogs will know
more, but I don't know
to know any thing with
mine ever ^{than} the above mentioned
much of the prisoners.

I have seen two or
three limits, but have
not been able to get a copy
yet.

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to this
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your
New,
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I am
sympathetic

I passed by this house.
Some of the early passers
are about New Haven.

I went, Rabbit hunting yesterday
with Luther. we got 2 Rabbits and
8 pt. d. geese. I saw one large
Owl, but did not succeed
in getting a shot.

I am going over towards
Lewistown some day, before long
to look for some birds. If I get
any I will keep some for you.

What birds have you got
this winter.

When you get any more
birds out, about those dissecting
rooms. What would ~~you~~ they
change for a skull. After
they are thought ~~with~~ with it.

I should like you to
to get hold of some real
thing.

I guess you know
French. You are very rich.
He is down there now. You
know they expect that "Butterfield"
I should think if they wanted
a Dr. they would get some
one beside a "House Doctor"

Looking over some of
my old things to day I found
an old photo, that I thought
you might like to keep
as it would bring back
old times.. When I was
there, had such great attrac-
tions for you.

Perhaps it might bring back
me missing thoughts of the
night you and I took
that memorable ride. Then

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The Horner. Over determined
to have their own way and
go to church. Then you all
best: Refused your self lifting
the old Rockaway, around,
then we ran off from the
Gulf Bridge, and various
other exploits and escapades,
of boyhood.

Well I must close
hoping to hear from
you very soon I remain
your old true friend
to the last
A. L. Linton

and

H.C.S. Oct. 21st/73

Dear old Ford

When I went down to supper this evening found your letter under my plate with one from Edw also & having time before study hours thought I would improve it & answer it

Glad to hear you are doing so well in the Bird line I have collected nothing so far: for having no gun & not any way of getting one cant slay many Birds

This term I study Grammar - Poising, Natural Philosophy, Arithmetic Drawing from Nature; all of which tend to keep me pretty busy

Before I left home I got 3 (Oliv Wilsonianus) & made very good skins

one *Leontopus borealis*) + some
others of less value the *Leontopus*. 2
shot down in the alders + had
as much of a hunt to find them
as we did that one on the hill that
day

What did that Ornithologist
think that Bird of mine was
the (*Oporornis agilis*) or *Geothlypis*
philadelphia

Hope that the (*Pinicola leucidensis*)
will be thick this winter if I want
a good supply of them

Are you coming home during your
vacation I wish you would wouldnt
we have some fun your school lets
out - about two weeks before mine so
you would have all the Birds killed
off before I got there

Received a letter from Luna last
week she likes her school very much;
much more than she expected too

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Got a letter from Leyden yesterday
& heard that Lehorie is suiting Kaggie
Humm: some how would Miller
like that if he knew it.

Do you Room with Muller yet
& How does he get on in his
studies

I like it here very much this term
much more than I did A year ago
There are lots of nice girls here
this term but I have made up my
mind that I will let them alone
for you know how it is your self
get-reckoning any one & you can't think
of any thing else

Just before I left home I shot
some kind of a little bird about the
size of a *Helminthophaga Ruficapilla*
as I remember it now its bill was some
like a Fly catcher & its breast &
throat deep yellow I made a skin of
it & if you are home this winter you will see

+ perhaps ^{can} identify it

Last Saturday I and some other
Boys went to a Gulf about 5 miles
from here called Goryne Gulf &
it was the best that I ever saw in
the line of gulfs on the way
up there saw some very large Hawks
Guess they were Archibuteo Lagopus
wish I had had a gun & could
have killed some of them

Well I must close this letter
for it is time to study now don't
you forget to write soon to your old
& true friend

Clinton L. Buge

P.S. Give my regards to Nellie & ask
her if she ~~remembers~~ remembers Jennie
Holman & Jennie Douglass

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Locust Grove Dec 1/75

Dear Sir

I hope you will pardon
my negligence for this once
& in the future I will
try & do better.

I arrived home Thursday
evening & found 5 *Plectrophanes*
navalis awaiting to be skinned
6 of which made good skins.
They seem to have been rather
plenty for Knorr's shot six of
them at one shot.

As yet I have not been hunting
but expect to go soon & then
can tell some what is to
be found. Wish I could get
a chance to go over the river
a few miles & perhaps I

Should get some Canadian
Lays: or something else
worth having

My report for this term was
better by far than I had expected
in Grammar I stood 10, Arithmetic

9.93 Philosophy 9.90 Drawing 10.
I like Philosophy very much
indeed

I presume that your Physiology
is more thorough than that
(Cutler's) that I studied for
(that was used for both sexes)
to recite in the same classes
together

Some one was saying that
you had had that surgical
operation performed. you have
said you would so long
now just please write & tell
me all about every thing
you don't know how enjoy hearing

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from you I would get
a letter from you (thing
any one around)

I hope you will excuse
my not ~~was~~ writing a longer
letter but I have got to do
it in order to get it in the
file.

I saw Lurea Brook (sister) ^{last evening}
you never saw one change
for the better as she has
she looks & acts twenty
percent better than she did
last fall

now write soon & oblige
your old Post & true
friend to the last
L. G. Bagg

Forest Grove Dec 2/73

Dear Aunt

Yours of the 14th was duly received & was very happy to

hear from you &c. &c.

I suppose by this time you have heard that I am staying over to Grandmas & help Charlie about his work. I like it over there very much indeed. have lots of time to go hunting if I want to

Have not been up to Parris yet to see what that bird is but am going up some day this week but from what I hear I should judge it to be ^{either} some a Woodpecker or a Nut-cracker. for they say that it climbs all over the cage;

you are the first boy that I
ever heard of that had too much!

Kin

I have not seen any thing of
Quacola canadensis. or *Agelaius*
lingua. but have seen some
Melanerpes erythrocephalus. + *bestia*.
Americanus. *Curpodacus*. *Purpureus*. +
Chrysomitris tristis. which I shot
yesterday

What did you find that warbler
of mine to be. the *Oporornis*. or
the *Geothlypis*?

I have not seen the least
sign of an owl as yet but
hope some day to run on
to some where

I think I told you that I
shot three of the *Otus wilsonianus*
before I left last ^{fall} & also a
Contopus. & some others ^{Birds of less value} ~~also~~

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world the death of Pooff Agamez
will be. to bad that some one
of less value to the world could
not have taken his place & let
him live (say me for instance)
I will kiss your love to
Luna when I write to her
next - which will be to day
I think.

Emma Ward. has got a Baby
just think of it. to bad
aint it. Jimmie cant help himself
the least bit. & it is more likely
that he will die than get well
queer world this is aint it
What does Felix think because
I dont answer his letter. I had
one written to him & suppose
I had sent it until looking
over a lot of trash that I had
in my pocket - one day & found

It & since then have not
had time nor inclination to do
it but hope to get around to it
before long

Ed has got so he will run
Horsea like the very best he & sport
run to gather first rate

you must excuse mistakes
as we are in a fearful hurry

Yours as ever

Clinton L. Bagg

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1874!

Jan 11th / 73
Dear Hart

Yours of the 15th
was duly received & was of
course very glad to hear from
you

Last week I received one
O. agilis + 2 (*Ammodramus*
condacutus) all very fine
specimens from Henshaw

Now about that egg of *H. philadelphia*
you know where we were over
by Booths Mill last summer
hunting I found a nest of
Bird mentioned & gave you two
of the eggs. I ment them to take
the place of the one I owed
you for (the Pelican) ~~that I~~
~~owed you~~

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mention while I am about it.
Did you tell Harry Miller
while he was home to find
out ^{or} rather spy out all that
I was doing down at Leyden
& report to you? Now I can't
say for certain whether this is so
or not but a certain person told me
this & at first I would not believe
it but as I hear it from so many
others now that there must be some
truth in it if so what could be
your object in doing so? now
I tell you that made me boil
over for a little while to think that
a boy that had been more a brother than
a sister & whose cousin should do such a thing
presume for I am doing nothing that I
had wish me concerned any one to know
occasionally but it seems as if you had lost
all confidence in me to tell

(3)

any one to spy out & report-
I care not for that, for it
is no ones business what I
do as long as it is right
I guess not after well let
it drop who gives a Continental
I had a letter from Lucy last
night & she wished to be remembered
to you.

Lillie Hulbert has been over to
Grandma's for the last week &
now is in Boonville.

At present we have got about
~~one~~ 3 inches of snow but for most
a week we have not had any except
around the fences & that hardly
any there.

You asked if the Merrythrops - a boy &
his were plenty this winter I have a cousin
that but two ~~are~~ get but presume for I
I have killed more if I had made an
to for I am across them occasionally but
but they are not as abundant as they used all
to be.

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I have got over a 100 species
of Birds I did not suppose that
I had as many as that till
looking them over the other day

I hope you won't take offence
at what I have said
I shot O. C. purpureus. the
other day they are very plenty
this winter. but while up in the
swamp I saw some small Bird
but could not tell whether it was
a Regulus or some other species
I am going up in a few days
& try to get it

Yours in haste
L. L. S. J. J.

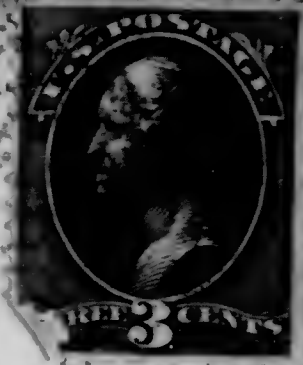
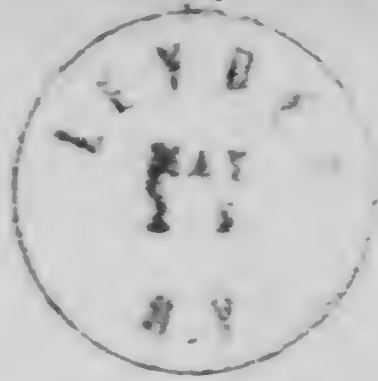
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Quincy V. Ward L.
Campton,
Mass.

And. May 17, 1874.

Locust Grove May ^{25, 1875}
Dear Harp-

"Why the deuce" don't you
you write & let me know
how you are. I have not
heard a word from you
or about you for so long
that I begin to think you
have forgotten Locust Grove
& its inhabitants

Well Spring has come at-
last I guess or at least I
hope so. The flowers are
in bloom that is the early
ones & the Warblers have commen-
ced to come back. I saw D.
virgatus & Coronata this morning.
But unluckily for me I am
all out of fine shot & cannot
get any finer than P. any where

around here

I have not done a great deal in the "belle" line this spring for I have been so busy that I have hardly been hunting. A week ago to day I shot a wild Pigeon. I made a very good skin of it. I have also made a good skin of *A. cooperii*.

Last week I shipped a small Otter for Linn

This morning I got two eggs of the *Buteo lineatus*. I also got one last Friday evening

I was under an old Hawk's nest & saw what I thought was a Hawk on it & got ready to shoot when she flew off

as she started I saw some thing drop. I dropped my gun

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skin day we got five
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a) along I hear you intend
w stopping at Almyra on your
two return if so go in for "furnish"
Hnd also I am very much obliged to
ing you for that copy of the "Mirror"
works you sent me last week
I well hoping I shall hear
ready before long from you
I remain yours
some
gun

+ caught it & it proved
to be an egg & a splendid
specimen too There I got to
any have been set on so
they are not so good
beho^d, & I have shot a good
many Rabbits this spring
before the snow left us and
day we got five
two is "Museum" getting
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stopping at Almyra on your
return if so go in for "furnish"
I am very much obliged to
you for that copy of the "Mirror"
you sent me last week
I well hoping I shall hear
before long from you
I remain yours
W. B. Bayg

Loeue's Grove May 23/77

Dear East

Yours received & will
try to be as punctual as
you were in answering it.
I should have liked to have
been able to go up to Mill
River & see the district the
summer water passed over. I see
by the paper that ^{the lower parts of} the storm
you spoke about being cut in-
ting have been found.

I went down in the woods
to day & saw *D. muscosa*
Blackburnia & *hartwegii*

Pyrausta rubra *Guerin*. The
& a good many other species
you may be sure I fairly
"killed" for a gun & would
have got one if I had had

any fine shot
The Birds have begun to
build already I found some
very good eggs of the scia-
& P. goan. & climbed up
in a tree to get at a crow's
nest & after getting up there
found four live young ones

I have seen some of
the handsomest Gurney's
Cinere. I ever had the
pleasure of beholding

I have just purchased
a "Violin" & am trying
to learn to be come a violinist or some
I think in time I shall become. she
old Bull. hope so

at least. won't we have a
reunion when you get back. the

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a sea- when. Now get back
up ~~Island~~ ^{received} a letter from her
a crowd the other day & she beats the
these down at any thing like that
ones perhaps you know her already
of Did you know that Bart
in Endovi Halliday's Girl is married
and the quite a romantic affair take
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syring her father was out to Bonville
a bidmint or some where out of the wilderness
hall became. she started from the forge at
hope 20 12 p.m. & rode all night on horse
leave a back & got out to Port Sydney in
at back. the morning & went right over
be back to the telegraph office &
you as Tel. up to Bonville for Gus
sure Cipher & he came down on

the first train & they were
united in the holy bonds of
wed lock at Lur. Rys's

store I believe. Thought you
were the Boy that said Jouni
ban. I. would get her

I believe He is going for the
"Black Crook". or half breed that
worked for Arnold last summer
perhaps you may have seen
her

excuse all mistakes &c
for I never was in such
a hurry

Yours &c.

Clinton

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Locust Grove
Dear Matt.

By the way make a note
for me

If you see anything please
send me 12 or 14 lbs of
dust shot & send me
the cost & I will send you
the money

Ken & I got some away
with last night. I came out
all right but a pretty
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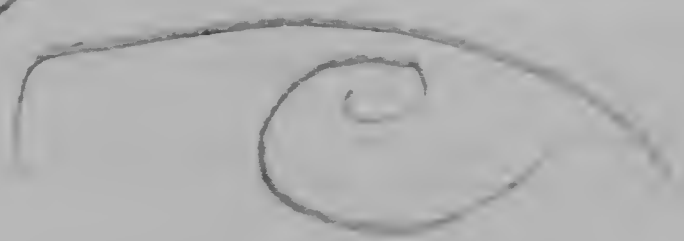
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Yesterday shot
young

Bubo virginianus
about the size of
the one I shot.

last year



Locust Grove Feb 16/87

My Dear, Hart

Your Postcard

telling me you had sent me
a package of Osteological specimens
reached me last night. This
Morning I went to the Depot for
them I will not try to express
my thanks. as you will know by
experience how thankful one is,
who gets something they have
waited for. I am going to
clean them as soon as possible.

That is the sex? The femur
is curved most or quite enough
to indicate a female. & the
Clavicle what there is of it
is ^{not} small & quite much curved.

They reached me on
my 21st birth day, so I shall

look at them as a birthday
present from you. I am so
glad they reached me as early
as they did as I will have
time to prepare them. I
go down to Uncle Wallace's
in the spring.

I intended when
I received your letter to have
answered it before but have
neglected to do it. So will do
it now & fill two barrels with
me stone.

I enjoyed reading
Huxley's Physiology very much
indeed. I think in some respects
it is more explicit than Dalton

Have you done
any collecting since you
returned? I have been out
East of the River three times
since you left but with poor
success. It's lovely getting about

now.
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now. the Court is so hard it
will bear a many persons very
well. & I have indulged in
sliding down hills. none in the
past week or so. then I have since
the time when we were all boys
here together. The wind, ^{which,} is South
& quite warm. Together with
the Sun's warmth. I think
will put in stop to that posture.

Phare told Dr H. - our
new. has been greatly benefited by
her Sodoform. Those hard spots
on her Tongue. have all disappeared
& in many respects is as well as
it ever. She says to give Dr. H
her very warmest thanks both for
what he has done for her. & also
for Knop. She has stopped the use
of the Loco. for some time as
she got indiged. & rather weaken-
ed by the prolonged use of it.

Elw sent her some whole 3h.

used & when Dr H^s 3rd came out
reached here continued the use
of them. My Russian Medicine
Says Iodoform is devoid of all
irritating effects. Which I think
must be wrong. & Can hardly realize
as it contains 90 per. cent of Iodine.

Knopie has had on
Cork Sole put on his shoe. it
raises him in height. if put on
his own satisfaction. That shoe looks
as if it was a two story building.
so much a great deal less. & I
think it will buy them his limb,
if not. it will keep it from
working up any further.

I am learning to
play the violin. It is a
good deal of amusement too.
I only play for my own pleasure.

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July 21st

As I surely cannot for any
one else.

Luna went out
to Hattertown to see old Dr Spruce
last week & he says her lungs
are as sound as any ones
can be. Poor girl she has suffer-
ed under the treatment of Dr
Douglass. She has had 5 or 6
great large cantharis blisters on
at a time. I think he is rather
daft in some things.

Frank Rugg has been
out to Rome to have a cancer
removed from his face. He
came home the first of the
week with it removed. I hope for
his sake he will not have
those where he had but
before the operation.

I presume you know all
about the boy over to the
other room. They all over
there thought was such a surprise
& that the little fellow was not
mature. I was not. & I know
you would not. The little
fellow is doing nicely. & begins
to use his lungs most beautifully.

Well Hoping to hear
from you soon I am Yours
as ever

Clinton, J. Bagg

Please remember me to
Jennings & Miss Ellen also
to Dr Hotchkiss when you see
him C.

Locust Grove June 27th

Dear Harsh

Giving up the idea
of ever hearing from you
I thought I would try my
luck again. & see what that
would do.

Presume you are very busy
getting prepared for your exa-
mination ... if the best wishes of
a Friend will go toward help-
ing you any way you will
“pass right along Gentlemen”
& go out no one as I
hope to the place you will
On your way back if you
stop at Utica & have any time
& inclination why please get me
12 or 14 lbs of duck shot &

+ some wire the right size
to stuff Birds from the size
of ~~musca~~ Ludovicianus to
the Dendroica virens, & I will
make it all right with you
when you get back. I can't
get wire here smaller than
stone pipe nor where.

Law Meller last night on
his way home seth has been
home more than a week.
Found the nest of Cyanospiza
cyanea yesterday with four
fresh Eggs.

a boy gave me some Bonasa
Eggs the other day they made
very poor specimens as they
were so near being hatched
the young ones could not
run when I got them.

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Yours for ever

C. L. Zayg

P.O. Keppie August 5, 1877
My Dear, Hart.

I beg You
to pardon my long delay in
answering your letter of last
Spring. I have frequently thought
of setting my self about it but
always from interruptions or lack
of energy. Never succeeded in
finishing a letter.

I presume you
are home now, enjoying a
vacation. I should like to be
there for a few days. To go out-
collecting together again. I have
hardly fired off a gun since

I have been here. I have not
that enthusiasm which I used
to have on the egg. - Bird sub-
ject. As my thoughts & inclinations
are running in another channel.
You have a few species which we
do not see up in Lewis. Especially
in the family of Waders. This
Season has been a very poor one
for fowls. I saw only a very few.
among them I. Superciliosus. I
think one with plenty of time could
make a fair Season's work here.

I hear, that expectation
that you were to go on has been
given up. I am glad in some
respects, for your sake that it is.
You will probably continue Surgery.
Would you not? and in the end
it will probably be in many
respects more advantageous to
you.

I still
I have
branch
just
Caged
in few
both
of Lewis
to make
Exclusion
Tents.
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I still keep on in my studies,
I have entered upon a new
branch of the work. & am
just getting fairly going. I have
Cazeaux on Midwifery & Thomas
on female diseases. They are
both very interesting. The Diseases
of Females. is some what difficult
to master, as one has so many
exclusions to make. & so many compli-
cations. simulate each other, that
it is often only by the most thorough
& delicate diagnosis that one can
make a correct diag-. Cazeaux
I like better. his manner is very
pleasant. Obstetrics is a science by
its self. It will take more than
one season to digest it thoroughly.
It is a science that ^{requires actual practice for} one to become
skillful. Theoretically he may fully
understand it from books. But-
practically his knowledge must come

from the Bend side. I have
made some dissections this year.
Some, very interesting ones. One case.
That of a Pig about two months old.
died exhibiting indications of enlarged
Heart: At the "Post Mortem". I found
the Heart enormously hypertrophied
filling most of the Thoracic cavity.
The lower lobe of the left, & lower &
best of the middle lobe of the right
lung was compressed & caruified.
The peritoneum contained about -
a pint of serous liquid. Some
Oedema of the ^{posterior} limbs. Examination
of the Lung showed a serious lesion
there. the cavity being nearly obliterated
by the ankyloses & hypertrophy
of the Castanocytes. A fine probe
could hardly pass through into
the trachea. The back a young
Heifer broke her leg. She had under
gone Copulation about three or four
weeks. When the Butcher dressed
her I removed the Uterus & Vagina
& Vagina. I found in the right

to pass
an arrow
spring
of setting
always
of even
finish
are! he
vacated
there
Collect
hardly

Contains a small collection of ~~menstrual~~
probably a fetus of a few days. in
the right Ovary, I found a
large prominent body. (Corpus luteum)
of pregnancy. You will know in
what respect they differ from those
of Menstruation, - what the different
affinities are. Upon section
both the left - & right showed
numerous traces of corpus lutei.

Mrs Baldwin was here
over Thursday night. Uncle James
spent Sunday with us. I guess
he will be glad when his family
are back over here. as it must
be rather lonely in that house
all alone.

Our weather for a
few days back has been
dry & hot, but to day it is
bright & cool, just like Lewis
Co weather,

Do you go over into Browns
Town - this summer? I think
Uncle Harry told me that
you - & H. Stetters intended
going. I would like to
go in there again very much,
& Will, when I get quack.

I went over & saw the
workings of Wards Island
Hospital, while I was in N. J. last
May. It is conducted very freely
as well as may be as the eyes
of the Allopathic School are on it
looking for some thing to show
"quackery". I took a letter of intro-
duction from Dr. Guernsey & Gilbert.
and had every possible attention
shown me.

Hoping to hear from
you soon I am ever yours
Edward L. Bayne

Poughkeepsie. Dec 25. 1874.

My dear Aunt:

I thought

I would write you a few lines
and tell you how I am
getting on here. I have not
done much of the Copying that
I intended to. Since I have been
here but hope to get. Mrs. Amelia
W. Aunt Sarah and Edith
went out to eat dinner yesterday.

I have just gotten so that
I can breathe freely. What is good
for me under those circumstances
here!

How did you reach home
with your Charge? I suppose you
had a pleasant journey. Especially
after reaching Union. Home
you and Marcus, delighted

and accumulated all the
specimens in Merriam Museum
which I could be with you both
for a day or so. How goes the skull
trade. have you cleared them
both.

When shall we meet again
I hope you will come down
Tuesday for I know. "Minny"
is pining for you. Say nothing about
how lonely the old room must be
without the Whistler. Is made. A lady.

Poor Thea, felt very
unwell and was going home
for the week.

Give my love to all
the folks and wish them all
a happy new year & a Merry
Christmas, for me. And by the
way, Will you bring that check for
\$50.00 your father still has for me, as
I may need some of it. You know I have
got to get some books etc. Tho' I have
faint hopes that during the two following
months, Gilbert may be a little more
energetic in his attempts to procure me
some thing to do, But then, what do
promises amount to in this world?
I am getting skeptical and will
only believe what I see can happen

for I have relied upon "Fair promises"
Too much, only, in many cases to be
disappointed. So my mind is
made up to this. I will keep on till
I finish. if any thing comes up to
aid me grant it, but not to hope
for too much.

We expect Uncle James's
children this afternoon. But I am
afraid it will be more expect-
than any thing else, for the
Weather is nasty, damp, cold, and
cloudy. I hope they will come
even if they go back Friday.

You cannot imagine
how deathly still every thing seems.
The three or four days I have spent
here, seem like one continued Sunday.
Not that we have been so quiet.
But every thing is so very silent.
only occasionally, one will hear
a Rooster - Singing. None of that
A rumbling & rattling of the city.

Which at first used to annoy
me so.

I am going out this morning to see if I can see any game. I took a walk Sunday and had the misfortune to see three Quail. I say misfortune because I took me over there the next morning full of the expectation of some good sport. But after walking around for half an hour through the net I made up my mind they were like other folks — not always where I wanted them.

Well hoping you have
had a delightful Christmas, and
with love to all the folks, especially
to my Dearest Cousin. I am Yours
Ever

Clinton L. Bagg

P.S. Don't keep Minnie waiting
for your return too long. or she will
need some of Thomsons. Some. And
even then all that may fail. It is a serious
thing to tangle with a young girls abortion as you have said

Bagg, Clinton L., 1857-1924

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P. Keefe July 23. 1870
Dear Hart.

Gone of so long
ago. deserves attention. before this &
I should have answered before had it
been other wise than as it is. Hart
I'll tell you the plain unvarnished truth.
That is this. When you receive one of
my letters. Whole months will pass by
before you recognize it. & then perhaps
it will be on a Postal. Since the
rec't of your letter. Concern
Many times has said. "return good
for evil. Do as you would be done
by." But civilization would say
"Not yet. wait as long ~~long~~ as he
does. So time has passed. As all
good things will. You know. Now
I'll make an agreement. With you.
If you will try & keep up your side

of the burden, I will try & do the same with mine.

Of course Mama has told (B. what) books I am reading so I will not fatigue you with a description.

I have not done much collecting since I have been here I have added a few new species to my Coll. The most valuable of which is the nest of the Helminthophaga rubra filla. It contained but one Egg. So I left it for 3 or 4 days after discovering it. in hopes that they might lay more. I shot the old bird to identify it. I also have some Eggs of the Orchard Oriole. Chickadee. Wrens &c. &c. I have one passable skin of a Male Marsh Wren. Which one of the neighbors shot & gave me.

Tho the "natives" tell great stories about Snakes. I have not succeeded

ed. I have times. but use

plenty. them to me

few of "Hut". Show off and forgetful I get lost.

Davis had a spring. Has. Success

the eded. in capturing but one Gt. Sh. I
have looked all over the Fort forty
times. in hope I would run into one
but as usual with out success

Further we have in great
plenty. I have found 3 species. You have
them all or I might do, as you did
to me once. Send you a box of them.
The weather for the last

few weeks has been the superlative of
"Hot". Last night we had a delightful
shower which cooled the atmosphere
off amazingly. If this is but the
forerunner of the future. I know where
I get there I won't need an Over-
board Coat.

I had a letter from Peter
Daves a short time ago. He said he
had done but very little collecting this
spring. he spoke of getting 4 or 5 Hawk
great Hs. Neats. I think he has wonderful
success in that line. don't you?

We have quite a variety of insects
that we never see up in Lewis.
Some of the butterflies are very
fine.

Now best please don't fail
to stop here on your journey back ago.
as it may be the only chance I should
will have to see you in some time. been

What are you doing? 2 I'll

Suppose as usual you are slaying that
the "rattled Singster". be careful my li
you don't get hold of any other before
kind of Singster. You know there was it me
one there once, that was minus truth.
There may be one consolation in that my
way. She can't buy it. except

What do you hear from Water Many
Platt. When you write to him give him for "ev
my regards. dy."

Are you going into Brownstown What
at this hour? does.

How does Collie flourish? 2 good
Suppose you see him after

Now write soon from
your True Friend
Edward S. Dwyer

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Ans'd. July 3/92

July 1/92

DR. CLINTON L. Bagg.
67 West 45th Street.
New York.

My dear Gentl:
Your letter of the
29 June just. received
and I hasten to reply. I fear
my opinion will be of little
use, as by this time your little
one will be out of danger
or much worse —

I usually begin such a case
if I see them early by giving
a dose of Carter's Oil. to supply
the bowels and clear them
of any thing that might
act as an irritant, and
then follow up with a
prescription of Bernuth's Comp.
Sperse powder. & Oscilate
of Camom according to
the age - I also put
Thirty drops Compound Treacle

of Cinchona with some of
the Chomocilla in one glass
1/2 full of water. and a
powder of Merc Cor¹⁰ about
as long as small, stand on
a 25-ct piece. in another
and almost hourly (giving one teaspoonful)

The Corrosive Mercury seems
to have an almost specific
action in those cases where
there is mucus & blood in
the movements. The small
dose of Cinchona & Chomocilla
acts as a tonic, & quiet the
nervous & sometimes and
usually that is one of the
great drawbacks in treating
such a case —

as nourishment. I rely on
peptonized milk in small
quantities & give frequently
~~with~~ in alternation with a
broth made from Radishes
or soe peptones. I think from

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My experience that it is one of the
only preferred meats worth
anything

I would also apply over
the abdomen & lower flanks
covered with R. Cinchon &
Brandy —

A change of air miraculously
do more than medicine
for sick little ones, and
I would strongly advise for
going some where away
from Washington, if only
a few miles away from
the water —

If I can be of any use
to you, please do not hesitate
to visit me, and I would
be only too happy to go on
thelp for — you see I can
be with you in 8 hours
or less from the time

I would get from telegram
Believe me as always
Yours
C. A. C.

Ans. July 7/92.

July 4/92

DR. GLINTON L. BAGG.
67 West 45th Street.
New York.

My dear Harb.
Your letter of the 3rd reached me this morning, and from that you will see I feel sure for both you & Bill here. These cases usually terminate favorably when you carry them on as long as you have this one.

I think if you can get her to take the prolonged mild & peptones she will begin to build up - There are two preparations for digesting mild, both made by Parke & Sons. The "Peptogenic powder" which is usually used for infants

When they have to be fed...
ostensibly, and the Taste
of Pancreatin & Bile of
Order. When the Case is
acted on by this mixture it
is thoroughly digested, and
acid should not be made any
Order. As the directions will
tell you, should you any
the digestive action on the
for the food becomes bitter
it is rather disagreeable. I
think you would probably
like the former preparation
the best. You can get it at
any place where they deal
in such things. It comes
in a box & the directions
for preparation are
with it. You will have
to be careful for some
time about her

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or so
Conrad
feeding
a slop
Lam-
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Chang
probably
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Medicine
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Take me rather covinous as they
of Conrals it frequently over
is feeding till being about
and a sloper —

and I am glad you are away
from Washington as a
change of air will
probably do more toward
healing him up than
any other medicine

probably
I at-
know I shall
try to go to you
if I could do you any
good, as boys are used
to show each other plagues
as men do by Court - we
have those each other sorrows
I have not been to

Washington never seems far
but - hope to now some
day -

I have been hoping to hear
some word from your
father. (Therese wrote
he had been feeling pretty
badly -) but have not as
yet. I trust he is better

I envy you your children,
and wish I had some such
thing to work for.

Rock me soon how
things progress, and
believe me always

Yours

Ans. July 21

My
friend
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Mild.
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Ans. July 17/92.

July 9/
92

DR. CLINTON L. BAGG.
67 WEST 45TH STREET.
NEW YORK.

My dear Aunt.

Your letter of
the 5th is very encouraging
and thank you for letter
girl is pretty well "out-of-
the woods" You must feel
very happy -

I do not think you can
be too careful for a time
about her diet, as those
cancers have a strong liking
to relapse. I would keep
her on a diet of milk,
broths; Rice or Mallus
food, and do not
over feed

I am glad for father
to jump into the woods
as I think the more
quiet he keeps the less likely
he will be to have another
of those attacks. I think
I examined his water
last night, and only found
abundant deposits of
urates - I think if you
would write him that
he must be careful
in his eating & drinking,
I would be wise. He
is to look a man to
let go, - or become
a paralytic, if a
little advice comes

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& B
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Let
arise
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present. I.

We are having a
very comfortable summer
so far

I expect to go with "Brewer"
Trot about Aug 15th

and shall go through
to Okech. Rquette
& Blane Mountain. Wish
you could be along

Let me hear of anything
arises.

Yours as ever

Chas.

26 West Forty-sixth Street

Dec 6

1911

My dear Aunt -

This is a blot -
Please excuse I - Don't see how
I was so careless -

It was mighty frost to
see you & Grandma on Thursday
and you do not know how
I enjoyed I - It has been
years since we have had so
many here together and I was
like old times again. We
are both foolish not to take
more time away from work
& enjoy things as other folks
do - We are both over
the half mile post, and
at least. Can't look for more
than 25 more years - I think
I shall "turn over a new
leaf" - What do you say -

I am in hope by this time
Florence is over the worst &
is on the way to recovery - She
should be by this time
very well -

Tell her Helen & I are
Thinking of her, and from
her our love - You,
Vernon & the rest - how-
ever had some answer
hours -

I have two emergency Cases
at the Metropolitan for this afternoon
One an Affected Scalpel - with
you could go over with
me -

Tell Vernon that Florence
ought to be pretty well
after this -

With love to all your family
& to your self. believe me
always yours

C. L. B.

Recd. Dec. 7/11/14

26 West Forty-sixth Street

Recd. Jan. 28, 1917
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My dear Hunt.

The Surrogate has decided that -
as Mary Aley, and aunt Louie outlived
Edith, her estate should be equally
divided between The Chan Children,
and The House, in which Mary
Aley died -

It seems hard to think of Edith's
little fortune going to those
who never gave her the
slightest attention or affection -

I am sure if there is both
a thing as one turning over
in the grave Edith is doing
so now, for she had no
loan for either Louie or Harry
Chase - They get $\frac{1}{2}$ the
estate -

Now the question is shall I appear
the Care? Mr Martine who has been
looking after the matter advises to, and
is coming in tomorrow evening to
talk the matter over - If I can
do so at the expense of the estate
I should surely do so, but if
the expenses come out of the estate
will act as they suggest - I do

not know what such a
move would cost, but I could be

Very much - and I will contribute
my share gladly - Let me hear
what you & T. Green think
and advise -

It goes me to think of
turning all these things
over to these people - but -
without an appeal to a higher
Court. I will have to -

I shall be glad to see that
thing closed one way or other,
as I have been a lot of work
& worry for Hattie -

I hope you are all keeping
well, and that you have
not been a little sick

I keep on the same old
pace, but hope some day my
young wife will let me stop
working -

My love to the family

Yours
Pete

(Clara L. Baggs)

Adm. from
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Feb 8, 1922

21st July

1922

56 West 52nd Street

My dear Hart-

A line from Florence
came this morning telling me
you were in the Y. - Hopkins,
had been operated on & all
was satisfactory - It is good
news. and we are all delighted.

I am ~~glad~~ glad you made up
your mind to go & how I love,
& there was no better place than
the Johns Hopkins - I feel sure
you were in good hands,
& that you are made

over -

I am highly glad to see
how Vernon has come out of
his troubles. but he still needs
a good deal for some
time - He is a fine

boy, as kind and gentle as a
girl, and in many ways boys
as simple as a child. With

there were more like him -

We are having cold rainy
weather, but each day that
passes brings us nearer to sunshine

& flowers - I have been busy, & have
done my share of heavy sewing

Some day - not very far away
I am going to join the thing up.
I am so busy enjoying life.

How often I go back to our boyhood,
when the world was ours, & we
had our own long Rifle, &
with bows & arrows; we felt

as great as they
you see them these limbs get to

you too. When now I am the
only one on mine - Some day that
will break & I go over the
divide - With affection I am as

Yours

C. C. S.

March 13

56 West 52nd Street
New York

1924

My dear Hank
Your letter with-
Alma's postals came this am -
She seems to be a very "Buy Home".
I certainly needs looking after - Strange
all those children should have
your grace - I wrote Alma
the best thing she could do would
be to advise her Attorney to
call on her & get that bond -
as it is annoying me for now
to keep it - I do not know
what action she will take
but I trust she will act promptly
We have had a lot of bad
weather lately, & the night -
of the 11th was the worst -
I have been out even that of

88. when we had the great-

blizzard -

I do not think I ever
got away water fully but -
Helen may have done to see
you & Thorne

I am sure you are enjoying
Coe & T. Co. as well as the
Trinket. It has been a

good success to them to get away
from Linn Co with his snows
to Coe

Linn looks like a new man
since he has from up the gulches
since where they will kill my hair
with hard work.

I trust that Vermont will
follow out the do's and Connelly
obsession The do's -

They have to the family
you always

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November 17/14

Dear Elizabeth
Went Jan and I have
and Jennie come
on for Thanksgiving with us.
Come on Wednesday the
25th and stay over Sunday
if Jan can.

I suppose Dorothy is not
with you this winter in
Washington.

I hope you have all been
well and that you can
come on. Aunt would
enjoy it and it would be
fine for these two young men

to receive their family together -
Hoping we may see you
very soon

Stewart Baggs

26 m/64

Accepted for F & M
Nov. 17, 1914 - C. B.

Nov. 21st
26 Mybfl.

Dear Aunt;

We are delighted that you
and Jennie can come on
for Thanksgiving but more
sorry than I can tell you that
Elizabeth feels she is too tired to
leave home just now. I know
how tiring it is to settle the
house and then the servants but
I am still hoping when Monday
or Thursday comes she may feel
more like it. She can be grief
if she wants to be here. — I expect
Julia and Edith and a family
dinner & there will be nothing
strenuous. — Florence thinks she
can't come. — I wish they would
both come on together even though

They stayed over only one
night - but let that night
be Thanksgiving. -

I rather understand from
your letter that you will be
coming on Wednesday with
Zerunda but if that is not the
case let me know what hour
she takes and I will meet her. -
I wish you could stay longer
than Wednesday night. Try to
arrange it. - I want to keep
Zerunda as long as I can
for just her to make her plans
to make us a visit and please
tell Elizabeth how disappointed we
shall be if she does not come.
Our best love to you all
Ever your affec^{ing} friend
Mary Baggs

Zerunda & I went
Sept. 11th leaving
at 10:00 am.

better

Dec. 30/14

Dear Host:

You have heard by this
time from Julia that

Edith died this morning.

It has been sudden and
a great shock to us all. -

We did not know until Sunday

that she was seriously ill. She
had pneumonia. It seems

as though every condition
has against her recovery.

We were told each day
that she was better and

our anxieties seemed

foolish and yet she was

growing steadily worse. Last

night the doctor in charge

told Clint she was better
and this morning we
received word over the
phone that she died
at 8³⁰ o'clock.

Julia and I have been
trying to arrange for
the funeral services and
they will be held tomorrow
at five o'clock in the
Chapel of St Bartholomew's
Church - 44th and Madison
and some of us will go
with the body to lie in
state on the night train.

I am thinking of Florence
and don't want her to be

Dear Helen
You

time for
Earth
It has
a great
We did
that she
had been
as though
has again
We were
that she
was an
foolish
growing
might be

Shocked by the sudden news!!
I am here in Newark - where
Edith lived. - with Julia.
I find it difficult to write
but we want you to know
and tell you that the family
With loving
Katy Bagg

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can

Feb. 11/15

26 West Forty-sixth Street

Dear Julia:

I was surprised to get your letter from Boston with the enclosed one. Thank you for the ticket. -

I phoned at once to Mr. Robinson and am enclosing his letter. You will see what he says. Nothing has been done so far. That is as far as we are concerned. I don't seem to know how nor what to do. I am afraid all this business is going to require a legal mind and so the estate will have to be subdivided into many parts I do not see as anyone is going to benefit and what the lawyer will charge will be little as compared and not felt by anyone appreciably. I do wish you would talk it over with Hart & Florence Herman and the family then. I think Hart will know some of the legal steps and perhaps can advise us who will be the heirs-at-law in case we do not find a will. This reference to a lawyer - is that one day when I

I went up to H. L. Lark's home to see
Mrs. Oley she said she remembered
that last Spring Edith had to go to
a lawyer on some business but
could not remember the lawyer's
name nor the business - so I have
not located anything there. -

So talk things over there and
tell us what the family ~~think~~
think and advise us what to do.

Give them all my love and
much to you dear Julia.

Ever your Affection -
Harry Briggs



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February 10th, 1915.

Mrs. Clinton Bagg,
26 West 46th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bagg:-

I will within a few days get full particulars in regard to the papers you sent me from the New York Investors Company, which is a subsidiary to the Guaranty Trust Co. I am inclined to think that they have some scheme of selling bonds on the installment plan, and that a payment is now due. I think I told you that among Edith's assets were four \$200 bonds issued by the New York Investors Company.

If it turns out that Edith had employed a lawyer at one time, as Miss Oley thinks, it seems very probable that he might know something of her affairs, and possibly have a will. I would suggest therefore that you try to find his name, and perhaps this may appear in the stub of her check book.

I asked two friends of mine, both of whom were lawyers, in regard to the inheritance act, but neither of them can tell me off hand. I think, however, it is save to say that Edith's aunts and uncles would share alike, and if there should be children of some deceased aunt or uncle, they would devide among them their parents' share.

Mrs. Robinson stated that you asked the question whether or not I would be willing to act as administrator, provided all the heirs were willing, but I am afraid it would not be well for me to undertake this, as I am often away from home for two months at a time, and besides I have so many things to look after. I would seem best to have the heirs join, requesting some relative to take charge, and no doubt the surrogate will acquiesce.

It appears that there are a great many relatives, and as the amount invloved is small, the cost of administration, lawyers, etc. will, I am afraid, make the individual disbursements small.

As stated above, you will hear from me in detail in regard to the papers sent me within the next few days.

With kind regards to Dr. Bagg and yourself

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Sincerely,
Pohwat Robinson

Recd. Feb. 8, 1922

January 1st [1922]

56 West 52nd Street

My dear Stuart. I am so glad
to hear from Florence that
you are getting along so
nicely at the Hospital and that
you expect to return home by
the 7th. I am planning to
accept Florence's invitation to
go on to Washington the last
of the month and hope then to
see you. Meanwhile I sent
a few spring flowers to say
"how de do" to you three and
hope they made a fresh
appearance - and carry
with them our love - from

Clint and me. We speak of you
often and I know he thinks of
you a lot. -

With much affection

Hedy.

Greenbush D.
Sept. 7/94

My dear Sam:

Your letter was a real pleasure
to Clint. I read it to him and he
wants me to thank you for writing
and for your sympathy. I have
written a letter because I thought
he would include a letter to you
but it seems an effort and as
he cannot use his hands & write
nor his eyes & read you see how
dependent he is on us. - He legs
have given out entirely. - He cannot
use them at all. - At first he kept
up a fine carriage and felt sure
he would come out of it all
right but with the 1st of September
passing to

little from I think he has been
more discouraged than he will
admit. But I do feel that Sept-
is a too precious month to play
up here specially if it is rainy
and cold - and we have had a
rainy and cold season for I
think when we get away, - and we
will go from here as soon as I
can make arrangements to leave;
if we can go to a balmy sunny
climate like Beaufort where it is
relaxing to visit from more rapidly.
What he needs most is to have good
cannage and food to believe. - and
he has dropped down on that a
little this summer. - He resigned
his position as head Surgeon at the
Metro. Hosp - last June and I think
that has had a lot to do with it.

But he also has looked forward to a
time when he could play - and be
free from care and I think when
he re-adopts his mind he will
find he has a good deal of
happiness ahead of him.

He was interested in your letter ^{and}
your part and when he feels a
little better I am sure he will
detail an answer.

You must have seen handsomely
mounting country and birds ^{and}
had a nice experience. and I am
glad you are able to do this still.
and too we are glad to know that
the danger of forest fires has
passed by far. That an anxiety
it must be when they are raging
near you. - Please remember me
to Elizabeth and Fernanda and

I know Christ would send his
love and do much for me again.
It means a lot to him. -

Ever yours affectionately
Harry

26 West Forty-sixth Street

Sunday

Dear Aunt

It was ever so good of
you to write us about
Florence and I will
trust you will keep us
informed if things do not
go all right. Aunt and I
are exceedingly fond of her
and we want to know she
is doing well & making
a good recovery. -

I'm so glad you feel as
I do that as the years go on
we ought to grow nearer one
another, and its worth

making an effort for -
Christ always has someone
too sick to learn and we
both appreciate and
enjoy your coming here.

It is ever so good your
asking us are to visit you
nothing would give us
greater pleasure if we could
go and remember when
you come on here to
let us know and visit us
all year even. Give my
love to Elizabeth -

Ever yours Affection
Harry Briggs

Clinton S. Baggs, M.D.

Miss Henrietta McCready,

Married,

Monday, September twenty-second,

New York City.

At Home,

105 West 38th Street,

after October fourteenth.

DR. CLINTON L. BAGG DIES OF OLD INJURY

Ex-Senior Surgeon of Metropolitan Hospital Hurt in Accident in 1920

From New York Times

Dr. Clinton L. Bagg, for forty years connected with the Medical and Surgical Divisions of the Metropolitan Hospital, where he was for a long time senior surgeon, died Friday at his home, 56 West Fifty-Second Street, from the effects of an injury to his spine in an automobile accident four years ago. He was obliged by his health to retire from practice in June and he went to his cottage in Greenboro, Vt., in the hope of recuperating, but his condition caused him to be brought home last Monday.

Dr. Bagg was graduated from the New York University Medical College in 1879 and served his internship at the Metropolitan Hospital. He continued his association with that institution until his retirement, serving for years as President of its Medical Board as well as senior surgeon. At one time he held the Chair of Surgery at Flower Hospital and College. He was a member of the staff of physicians and surgeons of Hahnemann Hospital and an attending surgeon at the Community Hospital.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the Academy of Medicine, Dr. Bagg was also a founder and former President of the Clinical Club. He was a member of the Union League Club and Campfire Club and a former member of the Lotos Club.

Rejected by the American Army in the war because he was over the age limit, Dr. Bagg volunteered his services to London hospitals to release younger men for the front. He was associated with Sir A. L. Lane, noted English surgeon, and performed many bone-plating operations with a system devised by him. He was credited with being among the few surgeons who could do such work. While operating in a London hospital he collapsed from influenza, from the effects of which he never fully recovered, but when he improved sufficiently he resumed his war work.

Dr. Bagg did much charity professional work here, and had a custom of maintaining a separate fund in a bank with which to buy appliances for needy patients or to aid them otherwise, such as by paying hospital expenses which they could not afford to defray. He was an intimate associate of the late Dr. Abraham Jacobi.

Honorary pall bearers at the funeral will include John Drew, General Oliver B. Bridgman, Frederick Baldwin, E. Milton Royle, William D. Harper, Fritz Von Briesen and Drs. Charles Boyle, Sinclair K. Royle and Ralph Ward. The services probably will be held Tuesday. Interment will be in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

MERRIAMS ATTEND FUNERAL

From Lyons Falls Correspondent

C. Collins Merriam and his sister, Mrs. Vernon Bailey of Washington, D. C., went to New York Monday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Dr. Clinton Bagg, from his late residence Tuesday. Dr. Bagg died Friday night at his New York residence, shortly after arriving from his summer home in Vermont, where he and Mrs. Bagg had been spending some time. Dr. Bagg, who was 67 years of age, had been in failing health since he met with an automobile accident about four years since, which caused a gradual development of paralysis. He is survived by his widow, who was Hetta MacCreary of New York. Dr. Bagg was a son of Rush Bagg and Helen Merriam Bagg and was born in Detroit, Mich. His father was a lawyer of considerable prominence.

Dr. Bagg was well known and highly esteemed by many people in Lewis county. *Boonville Herald - Sept. 25, 1924*

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April 1917.

The colon bacillus caused us little concern, but the same free wide drainage was always carried out as if the streptococcus and staphylococcus were present.

The reason why it is advantageous to remove the appendix in all cases of localized abscess, is because a high percentage of cases contain concretions which, if allowed to remain, are sure to make further trouble. In many cases, part of the appendix is destroyed and the stump undergoes temporary repair. To leave in the abdominal cavity an appendix which has sloughed off, or which has a perforation in it, or which is inflamed by micro-organisms passing through its walls, is incomplete surgery.

The plan of opening the abscess and making no attempt at finding the appendix among adhesions seems to us to be crude work. We believe it possible to find the appendix and remove it, thus making the operation complete.

Making it a rule to remove the appendix in all cases sounds like a dangerous procedure, but we have worked toward the position gradually and safely step by step.

The results obtained are better than those under the old method of treatment, in which the appendix was allowed to remain undisturbed, with a resultant mortality of eight per cent., whereas, in our series of forty-eight cases, the mortality was less than three per cent.

Knott reports five hundred cases of appendicitis with abscess, the appendix in every instance being removed. The mortality of his cases was 1.2 per cent.

While we believe this method of treatment to be advantageous, based on the results of a good number of cases, it is nevertheless one not to be employed by operators who have not devoted a considerable amount of attention to the subject.

UNUNITED FRACTURES AND MECHANICAL AIDS IN TREATMENT, WITH REPORT OF CASES

By Dr. CLINTON L. BAGG, Attending Surgeon; Dr. RALPH WARD, Assistant Attending Surgeon; Metropolitan Hospital, Blackwells Island, N. Y.

With the progress of modern surgery in all its branches the treatment of pathological conditions of the osseous system has advanced in direct ratio to those of other parts of the body.

The X-ray, with its wonderful power which places before the surgeon a picture of conditions; the knowledge of sepsis and the application of asepsis, have so cleared the atmosphere that the old nightmares of septic periostitis, osteomyelitis, prolonged suppuration with necrosis following surgical work on bones, are relegated to the past; and while the various new methods may not be perfect, much is accomplished to correct deformities and prevent unfortunate victims from being helpless cripples.

To fully appreciate this, one has but to visit the pathological depart-

ments of our older institutions and see the traumatic deformities of bones shortened, bent and twisted out of shape, where the patients had been subjected to the heroic treatment of the day, yet left helpless cripples, and where ultimate amputation was the only hope of securing locomotion.

The great charity hospitals of the City offer to the surgeon a wonderful field for the study of bone injuries, as it is to them that the chronic and non-progressive cases ultimately are sent. All varieties of fracture are represented; simple and compound, oblique and transverse, comminuted and spiral—and the ultimate recovery will depend greatly upon the skill and judgment of the surgeon.

The long spiral fractures with twisting and wide separation of the fragments between which a band of muscle structure has been pushed are the ones most likely to present non-union months after the trauma, especially if the blood test shows a strong syphilitic taint.

Such a patient has usually been in one or more hospitals and received the usual routine treatment, as extension, counter-extension, and plaster casts for immobilization; and on inspection will present more or less discoloration of the skin over the injured area, some swelling about the injury, more or less shortening of the limb, and ankylosis of joints and atrophy, if the case is of long duration and has been immobilized by plaster casts. If infection has taken place, which may occur in simple, and is common in compound fractures, there will be one or more sinus openings in the skin allowing the passage of a probe to the pus cavity about the bone.

Upon examination, patient will complain of pain and tenderness over the injured area, especially so upon manipulation. False motion exists, but rarely crepitation, except in recent cases, owing to the exudate that is thrown out about and covers the fragments.

The X-ray will show the location and nature of the fracture, but the condition of the parts when opened for examination are frequently more complicated and serious than shown on the plate sent from the laboratory.

As strict aseptic precautions in operating should be observed as in abdominal work, for a septic infection may render the best efforts nil and lead to disappointment.

The line of incision is usually where the bone is nearest to the surface or where there is least danger of injury to vessels and nerves. The incision carried down to the bone is usually a long one as it must be well over the proximal and down over the distal extremities of the fractured bone. The periosteum is next incised and turned from the bone with a curved periostitome. The ends of the fractured bone are broken away from all adhesions and lifted out of their bed for inspection. About the injury one usually encounters a large amount of disintegrated or semi-organized hematoma, disintegrated muscle fibre and exudate from the bone and periosteum, the beginning of badly misplaced callus formation. With a sharp spoon curette all this is thoroughly removed, followed by irrigation of hot sterile water.

If infection has taken place, there will be pus and disintegrated tissue and possible necrosis of the denuded bone with involvement of the myeloid tissues.

From here on it is a matter of mechanics, and the better the mechanic the better the results.

Each case is a law unto itself, as no definite rule can be followed. It will depend upon the experience and judgment of the surgeon to decide whether it is necessary to remove a portion of the fragments to allow apposition; whether to use a simple Lane plate; whether encircling the bone with silver wire and Lane's plate; whether to use spiking, or a combination of spiking and wiring; or whether grafting with a piece of bone taken from a rib or tibia, shall be the mechanical aids in uniting the fractured bone.

Having united the fragments, the periosteum is drawn over the bone and united by continuous catgut sutures.

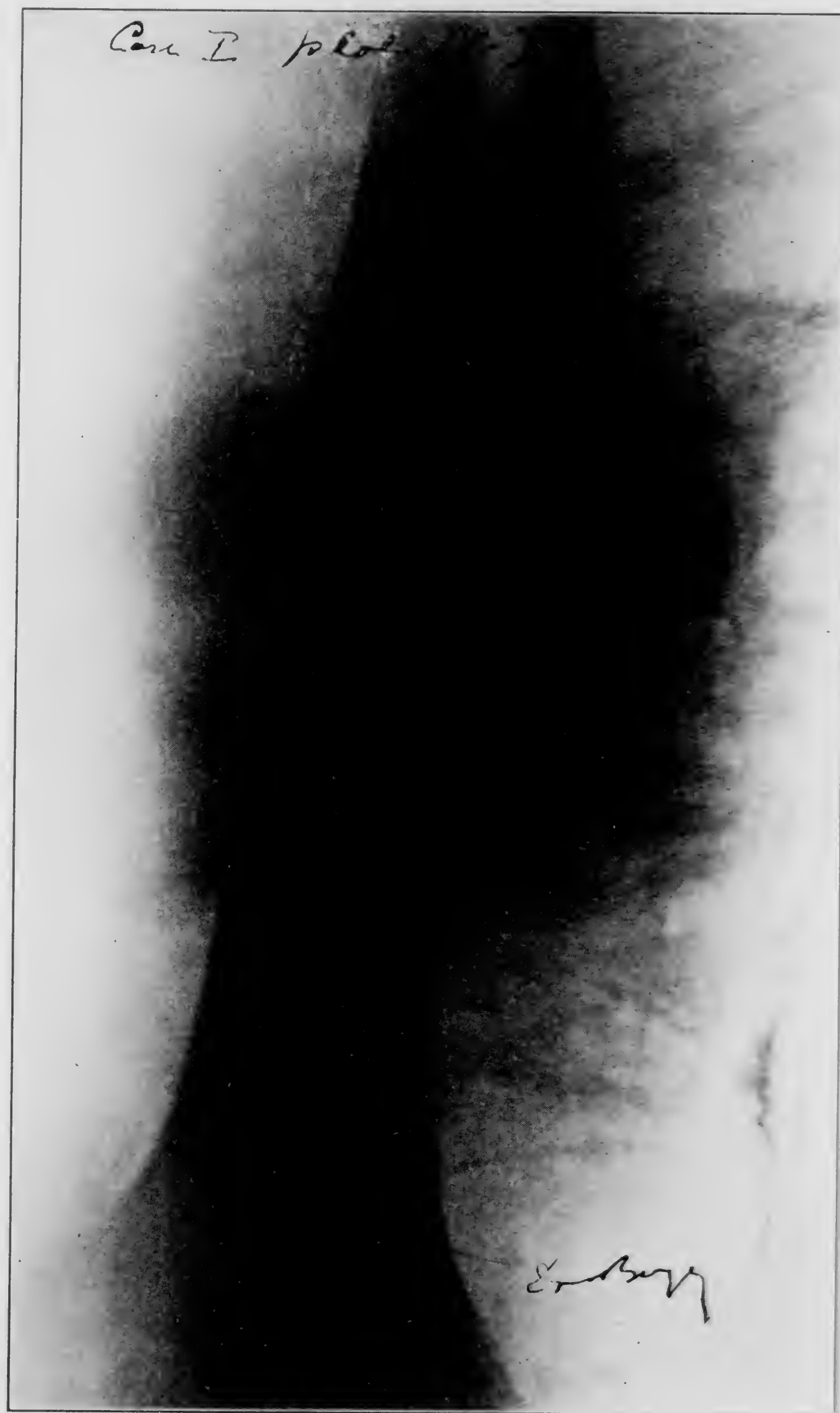
A strip of iodoform gauze is placed in the most dependent portion of the cavity to act as a drain, as there will be some oozing. The soft parts are closed with interrupted silkworm sutures, leaving a space for the exit of the gauze. Over all a thick layer of gauze is placed and the parts immobilized with plaster of Paris. A window is cut through the plate for observation and dressing.

The patient is kept in bed for three or four weeks and then allowed to be up on crutches. As screws are apt to loosen, and act as foreign bodies if plates are used, they should be removed in from two to three months. Simple silver wire may remain indefinitely, but an iron nail spike should be removed and may be with safety sooner than screws and plate. As the bony callus may encircle plate as well as bony structure, it may be necessary to chisel it away to free the plate. The following cases are illustrative:—

CASE NO. 1. Russian, 25 years, very heavy and powerfully built; on September 19th, 1915, slipped and fell while walking; was taken to Reception hospital and transferred to Metropolitan and placed in Ward G—service of Dr. Robt. Bickley, Surgeon in Attendance. X-ray showed long spiral fracture of femur with twisting and separation of fragments (Plate No. 1). Wasserman blood test negative. On October 10th, 22 days after injury, patient put under ether and operated on by Dr. Bickley. The fragments were brought together and held by silver wire bands. (Plate No. 2.)

In change of service patient came under care of Dr. Clinton L. Bagg, Visiting Surgeon. An X-ray showed separation of fragments with breaking of silver wire (Plate III). There was ankylosis of knee from immobilization, atrophy of limb, false motion, but no crepitation, owing to callus formation over fragments.

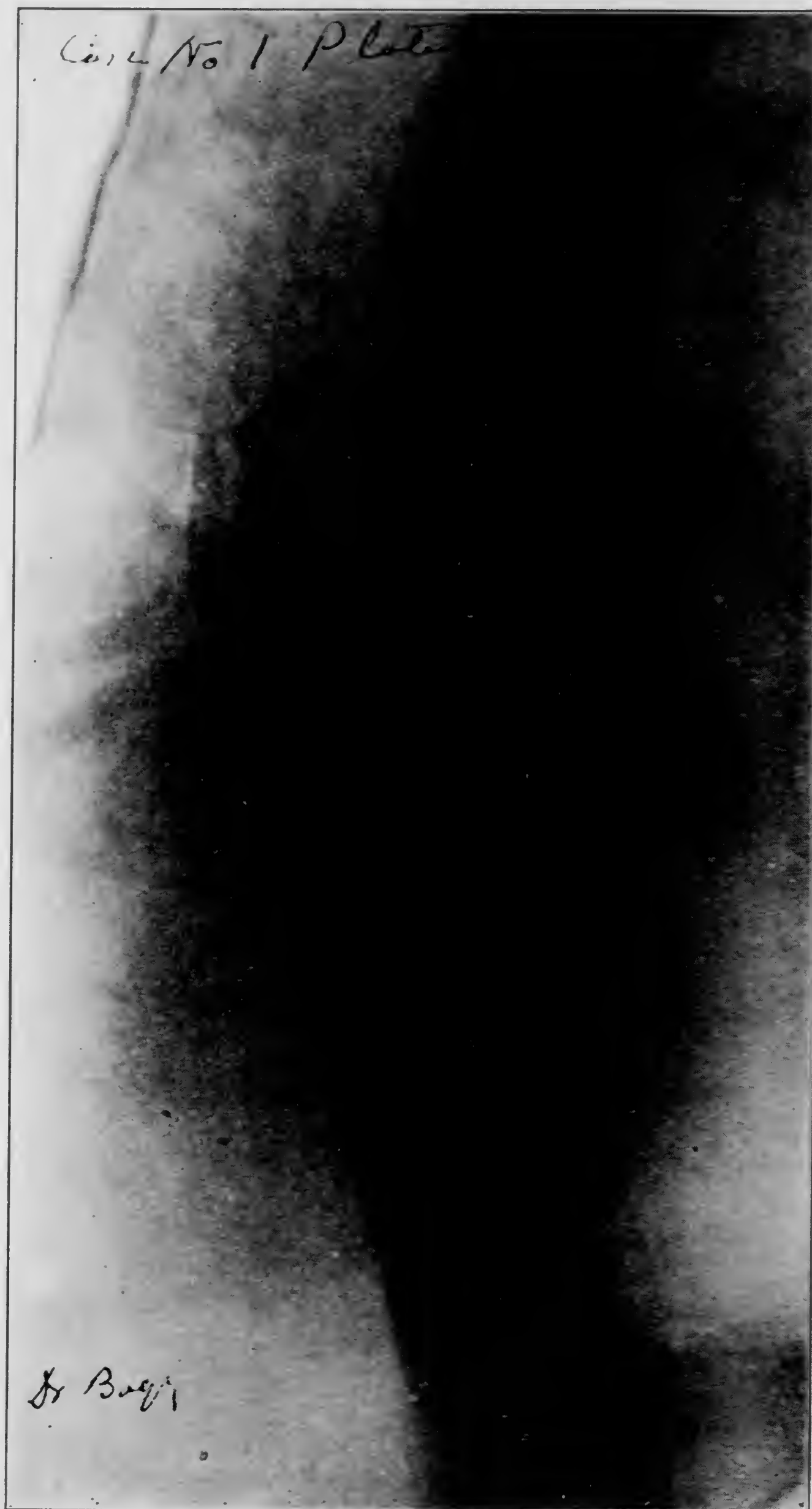
On January 10, 1916, three months after first operation patient again placed on table under ether and operated on by Dr. Bagg. Incision 4½ inches long on outer side of thigh was made and carried down to bone. Wires were found broken and embedded in thick layer of callus tissue, which was broken up and wire removed. The ends of the fragments were



CASE No. 1, PLATE No. 1—Case 1 on Admission.



CASE No. 1, PLATE No. 2—Twenty-two Days After Admission,
Bone Wired, Etc.



CASE NO. 1, PLATE NO. 3—Fragments Separated with Breaking of Silver Wire.

widely separated and embedded in muscle and forming callus tissue. A band of muscle tissue had been forced between the fragments. The ends of the bone were separated and brought out from their beds for inspection, irregular ends sawed off, good apposition made and a straight Lane plate with 8 screws used to hold fragments together. All disintegrated tissue with callus was curetted out and bone covered with periosteum and some callus tissue, and held by continuous suture of catgut. Hemorrhage had been severe and an iodoform gauze drain was left from the most dependent portion of the wound to surface. Soft parts were closed with deep through and through silkworm gut sutures, leaving room for the gauze drain. Condition of patient, owing to bed-sores, prevented a plaster spica bandage, so a long lateral splint from axilla to foot was relied on to immobilize. On February 8th, 1916, X-ray showed, owing to patient's moving limb, one screw had twisted and fallen out. Alignment was not exact, but ends of bone in good apposition, callus formation taking place.

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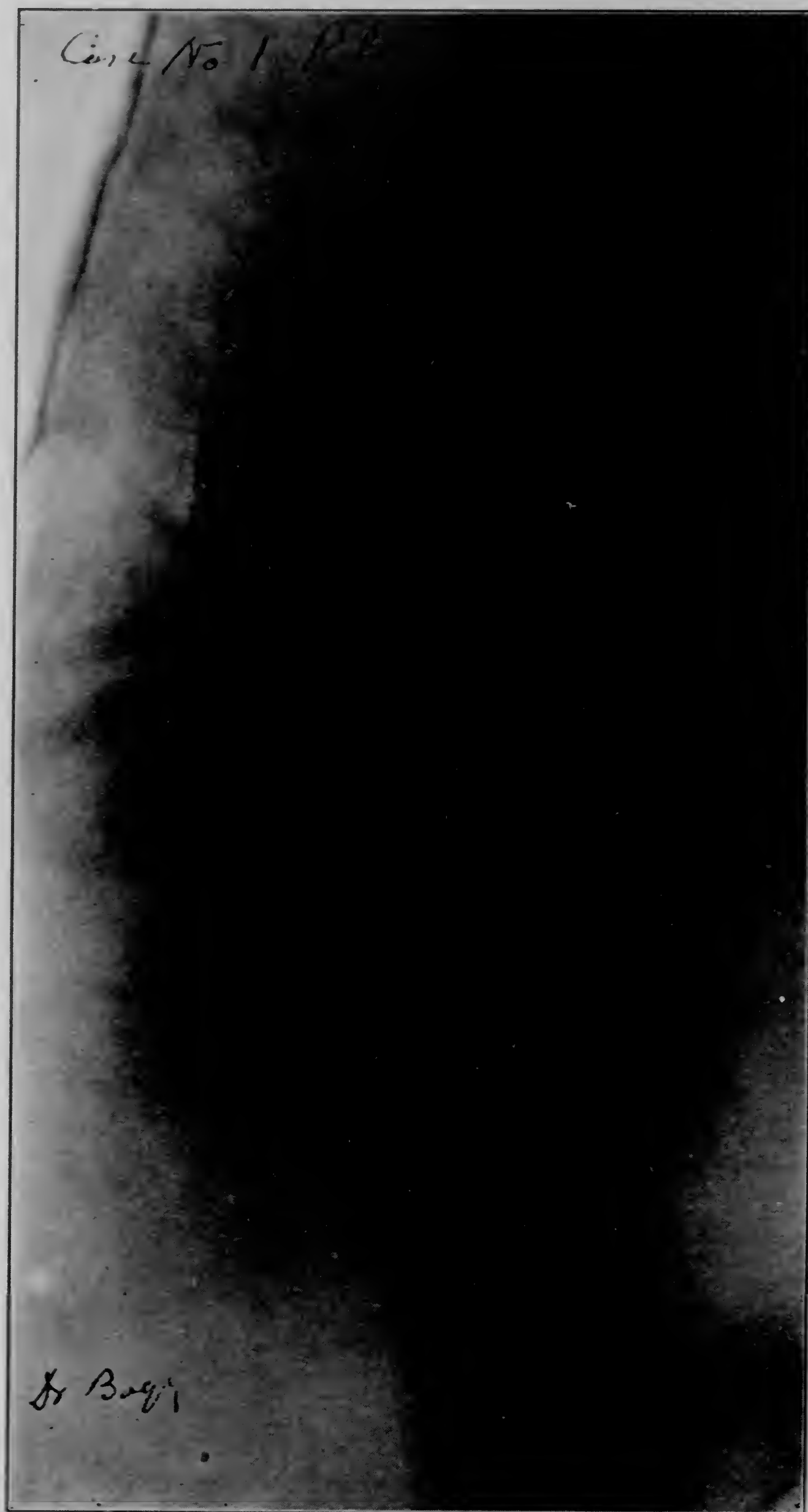
On March 29th, six months and 10 days after injury, and two months and 19 days after second operation, Dr. Bagg re-operated and removed plates and screws. Callus large and bones well united and no false motion. (Plate V shows callus formed and bone after removal of plate.)

CASE NO. 2—Male; white; 50 years of age; used tobacco and alcohol in excess.

On January 1st, 1916, patient fell, causing fracture of tibia above the ankle. Patient taken to Gouverneur Hospital, remained there until January 20th. Two casts were applied while there. On January 20th he was removed to Bellevue and on January 25th was transferred to the Metropolitan. X-Ray plate No. I shows spiral fracture of tibia—fracture beginning just about the ankle joint. Fragments widely separated. Foot was everted, and marked false motion existed. Urine shows albumin and casts and blood XXXX Wassermann test.

On January 29th patient under anesthesia, Dr. Bagg operated. Incision $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long made over lower third of tibia, through soft parts to bone. Fragments found ununited and the distal fragments driven down into muscle fibre. A spicule of bone which the X-ray did not show two inches long by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide had been torn from the periosteum and driven down in the joint. This was removed. The ends of the bones were broken from all adhesions and brought to surface for inspection. Resection of both ends was necessary to get good apposition. As fracture was so near articulation of the joint a Lane's plate could not be used, so a silver wire was used encircling the fragments and a wire spike nail driven through the fragments to give support (Plate II).

The wound closed in the usual manner with gauze drain to the bottom of the wound, then immobilized in plaster cast from foot to middle of thigh. A window was cut through cast for dressing and inspection.



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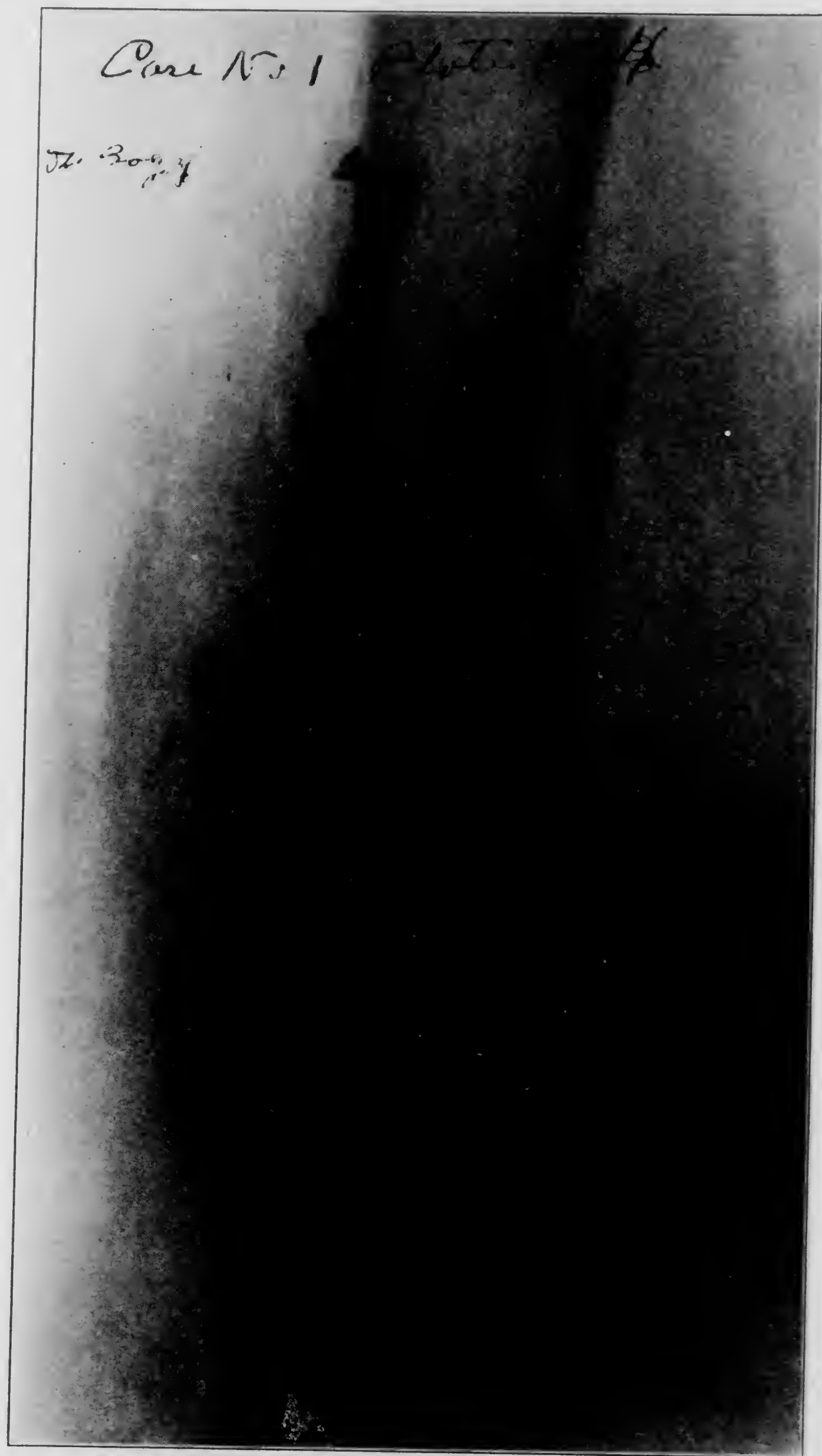
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CASE No. 1, PLATE No. 4—Five Months and 3 Weeks After First Operation.

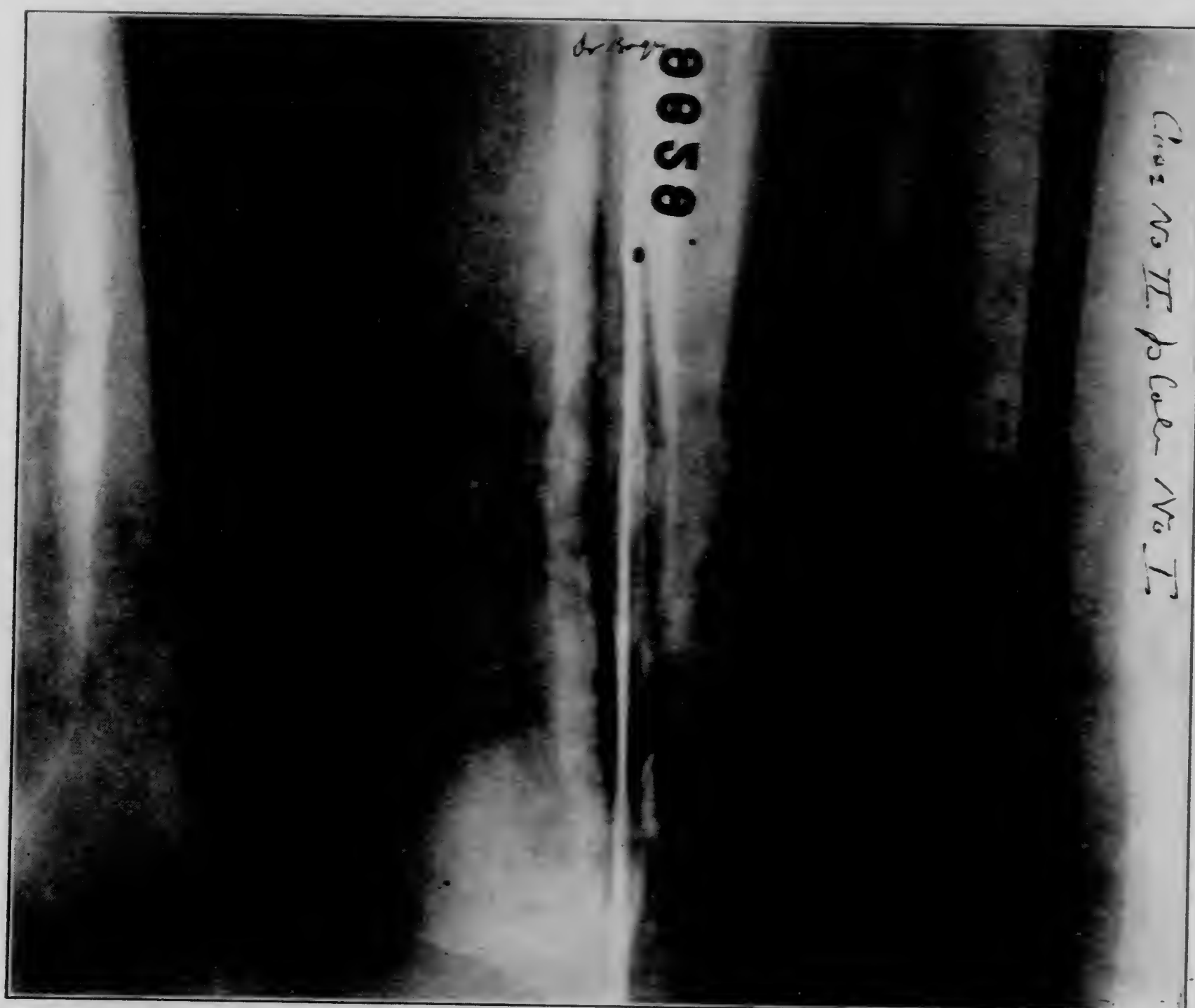


CASE No. 1, PLATE No. 5—Callus Bone After Removal of Plate 6 Months and 10 Days After Injury.

On April 3rd under ether anesthesia Dr. Bagg removed silver wire and spike and found good union and abundant callus (Plate No. 3).

CASE No. 3—Male; Italian; 30 years of age.

Gave history of several hundred pounds of cement falling on his leg. He was taken to the 70th Street Reception Hospital and transferred to the



CASE No. 2, PLATE No. 1—Special Fracture of Tibia.

Metropolitan. Examination showed compound comminuted fracture of right tibia, with the upper fragment piercing the skin and protruding for 1½ inches. Crepitation was unusually marked.

X-ray Plate No. 1 shows comminuted bone but not the severity of the injury.

On March 10th, under ether anesthesia, Dr. Bagg made incision 5½ inches in length over the injured area down to the bone. A large amount

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CASE No. 3—Male; Italian; 30 years of age.

Gave history of several hundred pounds of cement falling on his leg. He was taken to the 70th Street Reception Hospital and transferred to the



CASE No. 2, PLATE No. 1 Special Fracture of Tibia.

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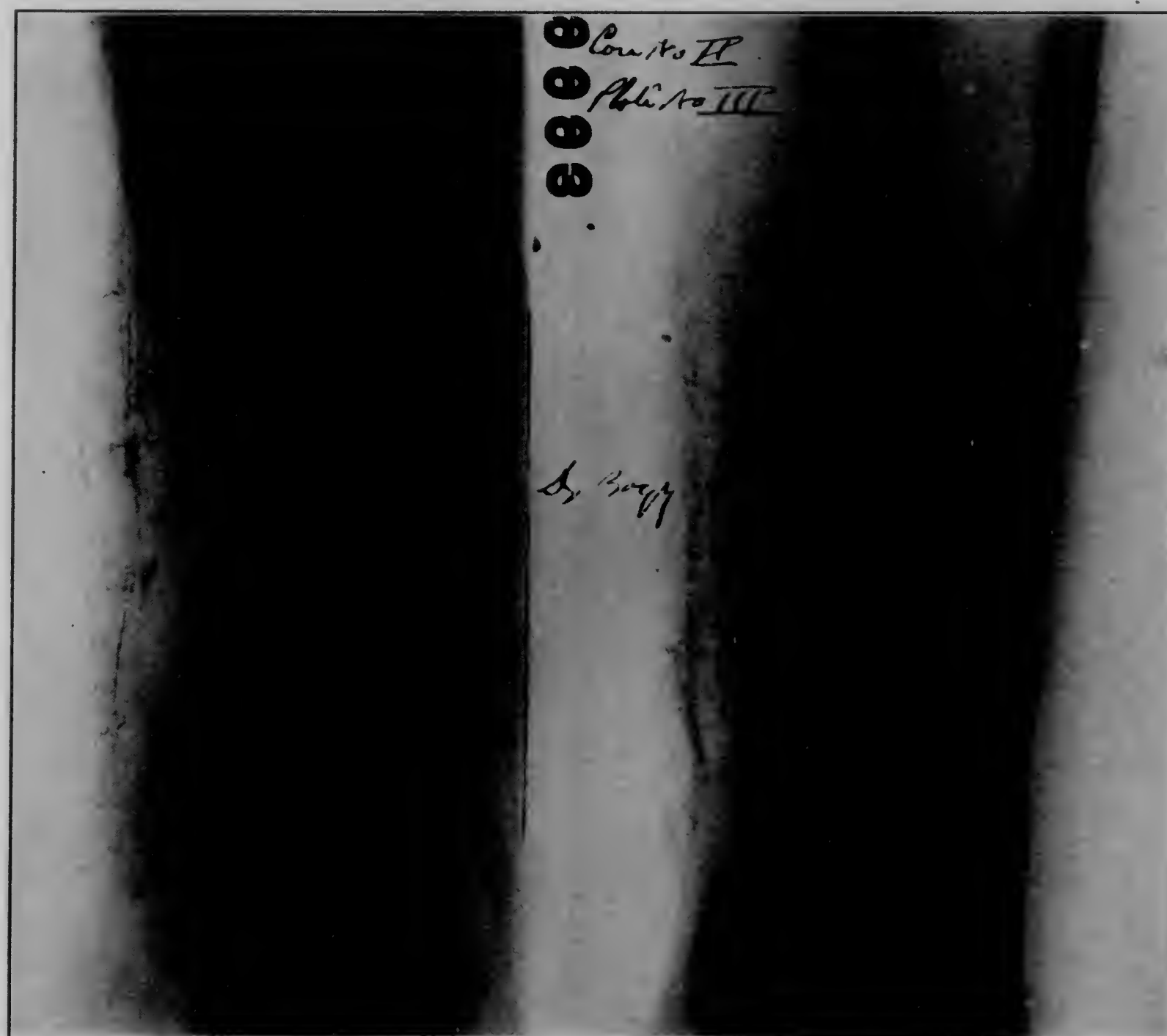
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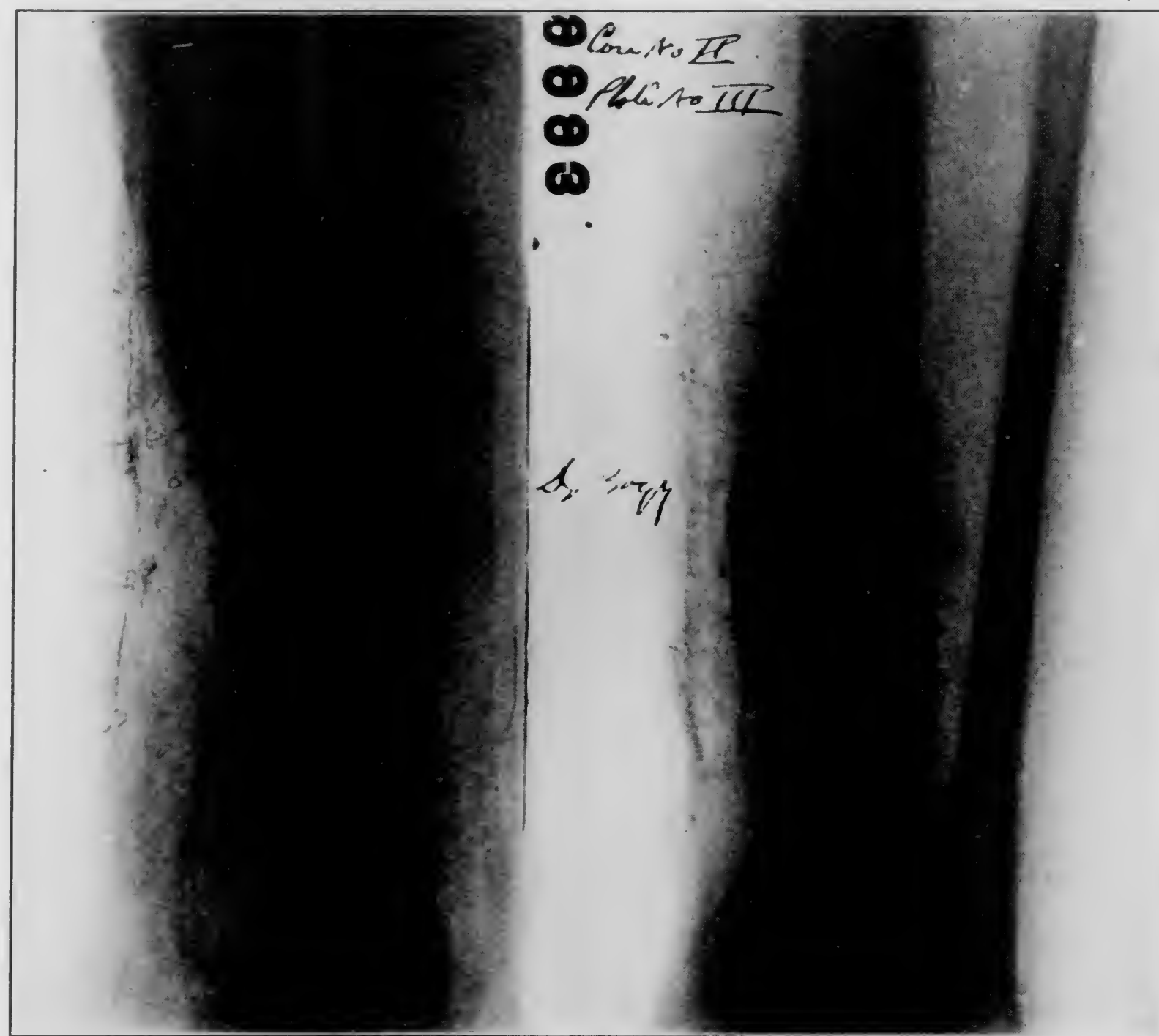
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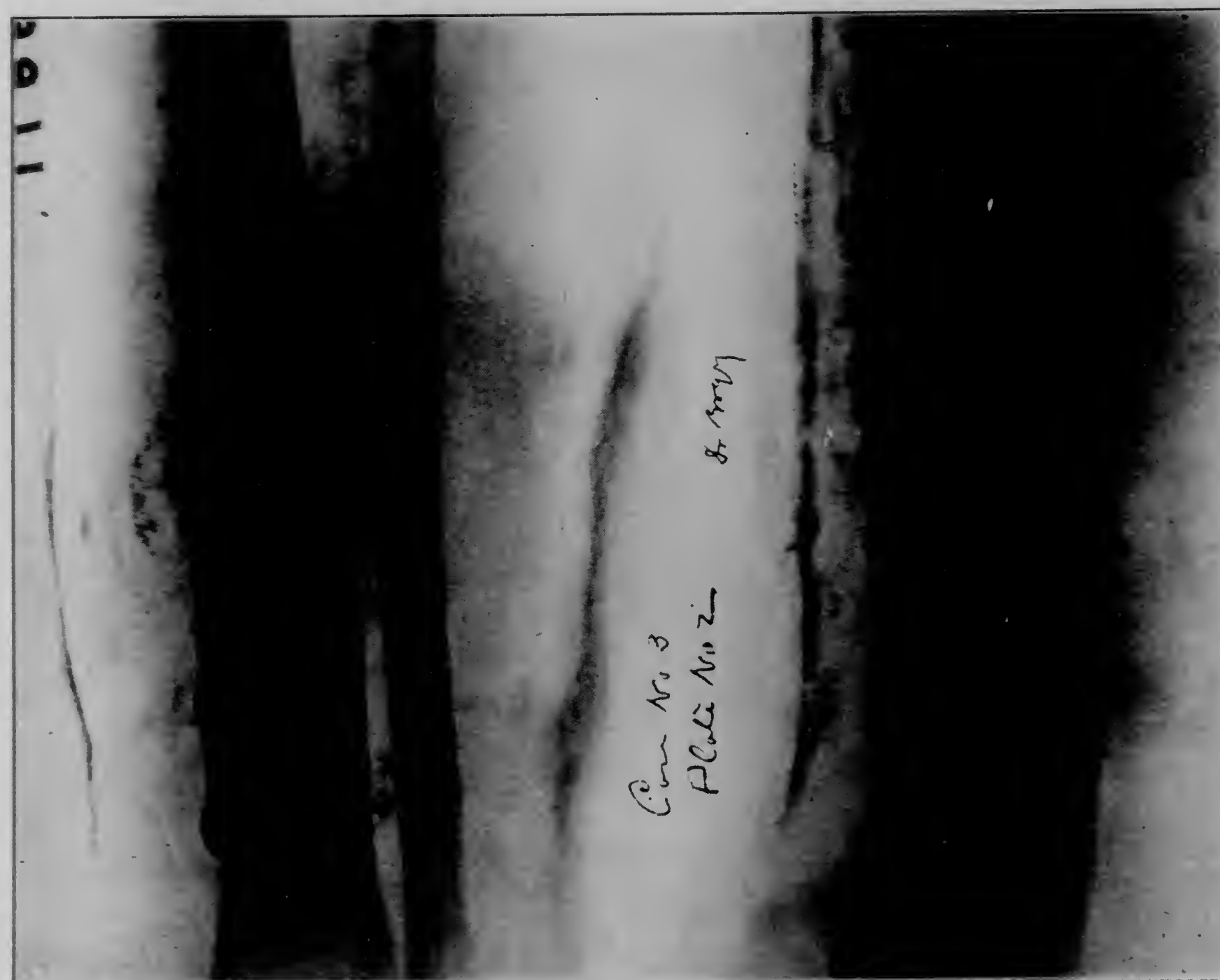
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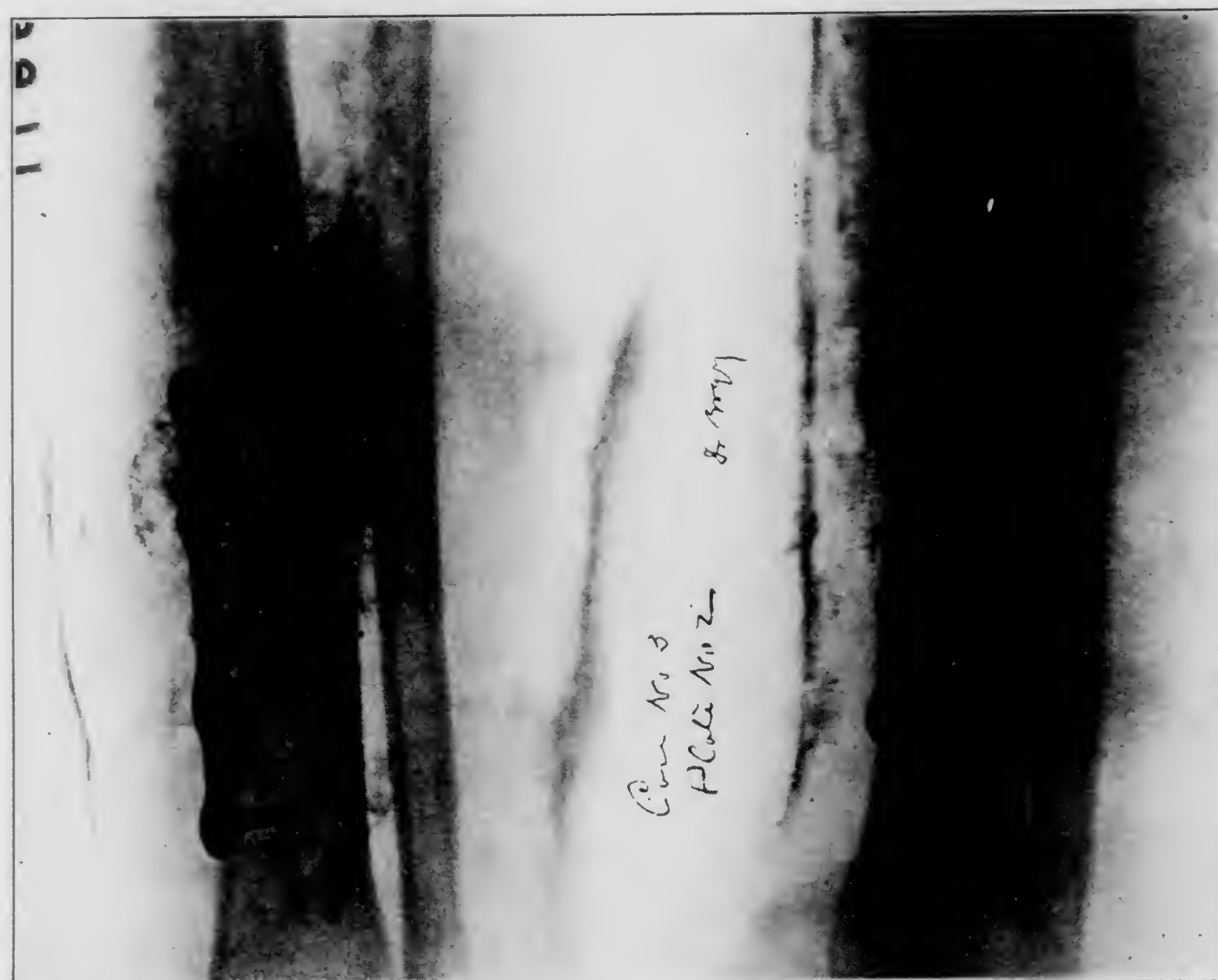
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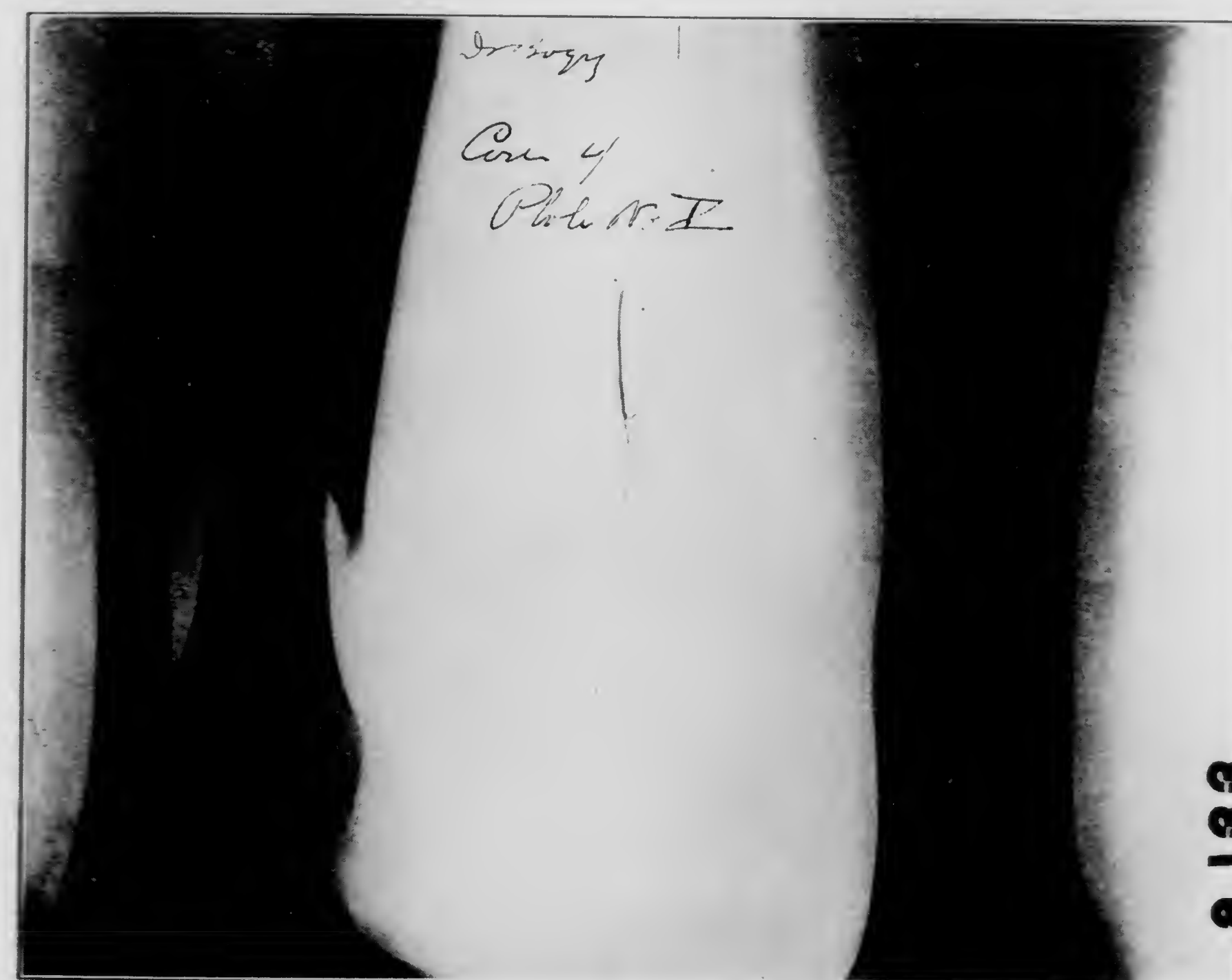
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187 Genesee St. Parker Building,

Utica, N.Y. March 29th 1879

Chas H Merriam Esq

Sir

I desire to obtain a copy of
your "Review of the Birds of Connecticut" which
appeared in the Transactions of Conn Academy in
1877. I believe it has been published in pamphlet
form. Where can it be had and at what
price? A reply will be taken as a favor

by

Yours truly

Egbert Bagg Jr.

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187 Genesee St. Parker Building.

Utica, N.Y. April 7th 1879

Wm. H. Merriam M.D.

Sir

I have just received your kind letter and Review. I did not intend to beg for it, and am therefore the more obliged. If I can ever in any way return the favor please let me know.

Yours truly,
Egbert Bagg Jr.

Erastus Clark & Co.

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187 Genesee St. Parker Building.

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EGBERT BAGG, JR.

Utica, N.Y. July 19th 1881

C. Hart Merriam M.D.

Sir

On my return from a month's vacation in the woods, I find your kind letter. The "moose lake" I referred to is not big moose, but a little lake about 7 miles N.E. of Joe's Lake and marked "Goose Lake" on some maps. I have this year taken another nest of the Lincoln's Finch within 1/2 a mile of the same place, on Otter Lake, shooting the bird as she flew from the nest.

I have also send to the list already sent you.

Picoides tridactylus americanus (Brehm) Requir. Downy Backed 3 tree creeper
I shot and another seen at Deer Lake Hamlet N.Y. June 8th

Bartramia longicauda (Bechst.) Bp Field Plover.

One taken June 8 1881.

By the way - Do the first mentioned a rare bird in the wilderness? I think I have seen them before, but never shot one.

I have given your regards to Dr. Ralph and he asks me to give you his in return when I write, which I now do.

I shall be very much pleased to accept your invitation, and hope to come up some time next month, will write you before hand. I hope you will stop in the office when you are in Utica.

Yours truly
Egbert Bagg Jr.

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187 Genesee St. Parker Building

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NOVEMBER 5TH, 1883.

MY DEAR DR. MERRIAM:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LAST LETTER, BUT HAVE DELAYED ANSWERING IT ON TWO ACCOUNTS, FIRST BECAUSE I COULD NOT GET THE DESIRED DATA TILL NOW, AND SECOND BECAUSE, I HAVE BEEN RATHER OCCUPIED IN ADDING TO THE POPULATION, AND I HAVE THE PLEASURE, ~~THA~~ OF INFORMING YOU THAT I AM THE FATHER OF A GOOD STRONG HEALTHY BOY, WHO I EXPECT WILL ONE OF THESE DAYS BE ASKING ME TO BUY HIM "MERRIAM'S BIRDS OF NEW YORK."

THE DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

YELLOW RAIL. SHOT IN DEERFIELD, JUST OPPOSITE UTICA.

SEPT 29TH, 1883. IN A SMALL MARSHY SWALE.

W. $3\frac{1}{4}$. T. $1\frac{1}{2}$. L. $6\frac{5}{8}$. TARSUS. $7\frac{1}{8}$. EXT. $11\frac{1}{8}$.

SHARP TAIL FINCH. SHOT IN WHITSTOWN JUST OUTSIDE UTICA.

IN A MARSHY SWALE. OCTOBER 10TH, 1883.

BOTH THE BIRDS HAVE BEEN SENT AWAY TO BE MOUNTED, BUT THE DOCTOR SAYS THAT IF YOU WISH TO SEE THEM WHEN THEY ARE RETURNED HE WILL GLADLY SEND THEM TO YOU.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

Egbert Bagg Jr.

187 Geneva St Ulen Ky.
Oct 12. 1884.

C. Hart Merriam. M.D.

My Dear Doctor.

Yesterday I received
the handsome copy of the "Manuals"
and was indeed surprised! I had expected
a paper cover similar to the first one
and had thought it very generous of
you to send me that. How much more
do I thank you. When I received
the Handsomely bound edition you have
sent. Well I wont try to thank
you. but will hope I may sometime
have an opportunity to do you some
favor. I have spent this afternoon
and evening (it is now nearly mid)
in reading the second part. and I
have enjoyed every word of it. They
are almost all old friends of mine
and many of them I have often
longed to know more about. and I.

now ^{by} I knew a good one. You know
that I am generally reported to be
"Cracked" on the subject of the north
woods. I can not forbear feeling
out this evening by setting down a
thing or two which you have called
to my mind. Taking the "friends"
in their error.

I was once "floating" (of which I am
sorry you dont approve. as I think it
the most exciting and enjoyable sport
I know of) on "Deer Lake". My partner
was Fred Ralph. (brother of the doctor)
The lake was low and a good
many stones showed their tops above
water in places, and a good many
more were just under. so it was
necessary to "go slow". We were pretty
well acquainted with them all, and
generally got along without striking
any. but there was one place
where they were very close together

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where we had laid out a channel
by daylight. just as we were passing
through this place. I saw a low long
black rock. directly in the channel
I motioned quickly to the left. and
Fred threw the boat's head around that
way. but she had too much headway
and I saw she must strike. so
I leaned forward over the bow and
reached out my hand to feel off. just
as I was about to touch the "rock"
it disappeared with a splash which
could have been heard a mile. and
an upheaval of water which carried
me and Shommet Fred in the stern
It was an altar. lying on the surface
of the water. I have been startled
a good many times before. but this
went far ahead of anything I ever
experienced. Remember the misadventures
of a floating expedition and try to put
yourself in my place.

a. Deer in the Red Coat mill sometimes float. I had long suspected it. From the performances of those I had shot in shallow water, and one time we tried it I took hold of the animals ear and we towed him out into deep water. He floated, In fact he floated so well that we towed him to camp in that way.

At "Camp Nimham" at the head of the big Stillwater on the west branch of the West Canada Creek there is still preserved a cast off Antler of a moose. It was found there a good many years ago and has been ever since wired to a tree out of reach of mice. who had. mounted it pretty badly before it was found.

I see you did not manage to obtain a date from the Governor.

I once had an adventure very similar to yours with the Flying Squirrel I was asleep in an open Shanty

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it was immediately attacked by the
boys. when it "took a fly" visit and
landed directly in my face. "The Boys"
saw that my expressions. both facial
and linguistic amply repaid them
for the escape of the squirrel.

One of our party who has hunted a
good deal and who should not be
mistaken. insists that he saw a
Gray Squirrel at Deer Lake. I never
saw one in the woods myself
and never met a gunner who had.

Your accounts of the attacks made
by the muskrat, remind me.

I have mounted a Barred Owl.
which attacked John F. Hurre. (who
was a clerk for me) in the
street in a thickly settled part
of the city. His owlship flew violently
against him at about the waist
when he struck him with his fist
knocking him to the sidewalk

and taking a loose cobble stone. killed him. It is possible that this fellow may have been a wounded captive. And as I heard afterwards that one had escaped into the city. but even then what prompted the attack?

One of the most amusing experiences I ever had was with a porcupine for a hero. I doubt if the story will amount to much. written out

But try to put yourself there and perhaps you will see the fun

There were four of us. two turncoats and two true ones at that. The night was very warm and after supper it was so hot we put the fire out. It was as dark as Egypt

We were playing cards by the light of a single candle. when from near the lake. directly in front of camp and directly behind the turncoats who sat on the foot log of the bunk, came a most peculiar cry. it was a little like a small pig but more

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like a poor lost baby crying for its mother. immediately on two heads the hair began to rise. my more experienced companion and myself exchanged a look. and called for the next card (though neither of us had ever heard such a noise before) till the boys played, again the cry. a little nearer. Again the hair raising. the T.F. men getting pale. Come! who plays? another round, Again. "nearer. closer. closer than before" and so it continued till the last was evidently within 20 ft of us. the T.F. men ashamed to show their fear. and the two men emphasizing their looks. but they could stand it no longer. "For God's sake what is it? Brake from one of them or there we are" and I took the candle and carefully found over the rock which served for a back log. Some animal scuttled down the hill a little way and stopped. I asked

for the hatchet, and my companion (not
forgetting to put his hand (which was
a good one) in his pocket. handed it
to me. I held the canoe high above
my head and threw the hatchet so
successfully that the boys called me
"Tommyhawk Ey" the rest of the trip
for I nearly cut off the head of a
half grown "porcupine". T.F. now now
determined to have a fire. But the
minute they stepped out into the dark
for materials, a shower thrown into the
brushes would bring them in again
and this style of attack was so suc-
-cessful that we were finally allowed
to go to sleep without being roasted out.

Since I have captured young hares.
not much larger than my fist. both
times the last week in June. Hoping
you will not find this letter too tedious
and once more thanking you for your
gift I am

Yours Respectfully
Edw. Bagg

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FEBRUARY 19TH,

1884

MY DEAR DR.

I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED A COMMITTEE OF ONE
TO NOTIFY YOU THAT AT THE LAST MEETING OF OUR CLUB,
WHICH HAS NO NAME, YOU WERE ELECTED AN HONORARY MEMBER
I ENCLOSE YOU A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION FROM WHICH
YOU WILL SEE THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE VERY MANY PRIVILEGES
BUT PERHAPS YOU MAY LIKE TO COME DOWN TO A MEETING
ONCE IN A WHILE?

YOURS VERY TRULY,

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Alex Jordan	E. Hutchinson M.D.
G. A. Bloomer M.D.	Egbert Bagg Jr

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Prof. ? of Clinton

C. H. Mermain M.D. Locust Grove.

Chas P. Kirkland Jr New York City

(I can't remember the Clinton Prof's name
he is a friend of North's)

CONSTITUTION.

I.

This Club is organized for social and literary purposes.

II.

It shall be composed of eighteen active members.

III.

Unless otherwise ordered, the first meeting shall be held on the Second Friday of October in each year, and meetings shall be held fortnightly thereafter during the Fall, Winter and Spring.

IV.

A Secretary shall be elected at the first meeting in each year, who shall hold his office until his successor is chosen. He shall keep a brief record of the proceedings of each meeting in a book provided for that purpose. This book shall contain the constitution of the Club, and must be brought to each meeting. The Secretary shall notify members of each meeting at least two days prior thereto. He shall also act as Treasurer if necessary.

V.

The member at whose house the Club meets shall preside for the evening, and shall have a vote on all questions. He shall be permitted to invite non-residents of the city to the meeting at his house.

VI.

Every member who is unable to attend a meeting shall, if in the city, notify the member who is to entertain the club of his inability to be present.

VII.

Any member, not absent from the city, who absents himself from four consecutive meetings, shall be furnished with a copy of this article by the Secretary, and if he does not attend the next meeting thereafter or present an excuse satisfactory to the Club, he shall be no longer a member and his name shall be stricken from the roll.

VIII.

A member removing from the city shall cease to be an active member of the Club, and shall be placed on the

roll of honorary members. In the event of his returning to the city he shall, if he desires, again be an active member, provided the number of active members is less than eighteen.

IX.

A majority of the Active members
~~Ten~~ shall constitute a quorum.

X.

New members shall be elected by an unanimous vote of all the members present, but no person shall be ballotted for unless his name shall have been presented at the last meeting. A person once rejected shall not be again presented for a period of six months. ^{unless by unanimous consent.} Persons so elected shall qualify by signing this constitution.

XI.

Honorary members, other than those heretofore provided for, may be chosen from non-residents in the same manner as active members. They shall have no vote.

XII.

Any member may be expelled for cause by two-thirds of all the members present at a meeting, provided that due notice shall have been given at the previous meeting, and a written notice, with a statement of the charge, served upon the accused member.

XIII.

Unless otherwise provided by this constitution, business may be transacted in any manner a majority present at each meeting shall direct.

XIV.

This constitution may be amended at any time by a three-fourths vote of all the members presents; provided that the amendment shall first be proposed in writing by two members and read at the previous meeting.

EGBERT BAGG,
424 GENESEE STREET,
UTICA, N. Y.

October 22. 1910.

Ans'd Jan. 17, 1911

My Dear Dr. Merriam,

Perhaps you will remember that a long time ago, in fact it is nearly twenty five years, I wrote a list of Oneida Co. Birds in conjunction with Dr. Ralph. I wrote it and I read it before the Oneida Historical Society and they published it. Now they have asked me to rewrite it and to reread it, and I am disposed to do so.

I have learned a lot in twenty five years.

I quoted freely, with your consent from your " Preliminary list of Adirondack birds" and since that time I have confirmed almost all of your records which I did not have then. But there are a few birds given by you which I have not been able to find so I take the liberty of asking if you have since found any reason to change your statements or if I may consider them as reliable as before. The birds in question are.

Lagopus lagopus, Centurus carolinus. Acanthis linaria rostrata. Cistothorus stellaris. Turdus aliciae and bicinelli. Calcaricus lapponicus. Quiscalus quiscula quiscula

*Yours Truly
Egbert Bagg*

EGBERT BAGG,
424 GENESEE STREET,
UTICA, N. Y.

Ans'd. Jan. 20, 1911

January 20. 1911.

C. Hart Merriam M.D.

My Dear Doctor,

Your letter of the 17. received and I can hardly thank you enough for it and appreciate the time and trouble you have taken for me.

Most of the notes you send are confirmatory of those of twenty five years ago and being such are really just what I hoped to secure.

To answer your queries as to where I got a few of the notes I have ~~credit~~ credited to you I make the following explanation.

First. *Quiscalus quiscula quiscula*. I find that given in your List of Birds of the Adirondacks No. 84. But I did not use it nor quote in in my list of twenty five years ago and did not intend to do so now.

The other two, *Acanthis linaria rostrata* and *Centurus carolinus* are explained as follows. When I had completed my list of twenty five years ago I sent it to you before I printed it and asked you to review it for me, which you kindly did and I was much pleased with the fact that you did not criticize a record nor suggest any change, but you did add these two species to the list and I inserted them on your authority.

My correspondence of twenty five years ago is not readily accessible but my memory of the facts is good and I do not think there is any doubt.

Of the woodpecker I have secured other record, So that is perfectly certain but the Redpoll I have not confirmed. I think there is no doubt we have one of the larger species but which one I do not know and have never

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C.H.M. -2.

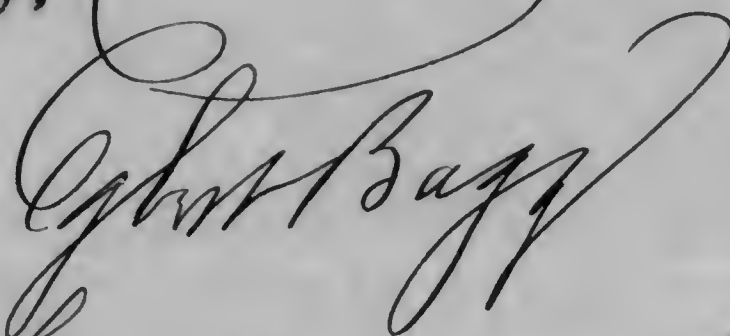
taken a specimen which could not be referred to Linaria.

In my list of 1886 I gave rostrata as "Taken at Locust Grove Lewis Co. NY by Dr. C.H. Merriam." IT would seem from your present letter that this same record might stand if changed to "Holboelli" instead of Rostrata. I am asking you to write me once more and tell me what you think of this last .

I beg you will excuse the appearance of the letter, as I can not tell you under what difficult circumstances I am writing it.

Once more thanking you for what you have done and also for what I am asking you to do I am

Yours truly,



Where I am writing there is so much noise that I can not hear the typewriter bell ring to warn me of the end of the line

Bagg, Helen

1887

aunt

Ans. Feb. 6/87.

Locust Grove
Jan 2^d 1887.

Dear Harb.

Florence told me
several days since that
you visited her & presented
me with some photographs
of plants. In Christmas
and I have been waiting
to see them before writing
my thanks. But as it
would be imprudent
for her to look for
them in the Old Museum
I must no longer agonize
from giving expression

Ans. at once

Ans. Helen

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for those photographs

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to my anticipated delight
in the possession of such
a treasure. Had I

preserved them, I might
have returned the com-
pliments & added to your
Collection of Mammals
by sending you of ^{specimens} of *mus*
musculus. - twenty five &
and four *Hesperomys* -
denicatus! During my
absence they had invaded
& taken possession of
my house. The amount
of paper they had torn
in bits in their nests
was astonishing. You

Charming little birds
the *cecropis* on the "ette")
inhabited your garden in such
throng; as nothing marked her more
Gussette ("mist") seems to have

by my anticipated delight
in the possession of such
a treasure. Had I
preserved them, I might
have returned the com-
pliments & added to your
collection of mammal
specimens. I am
sending you of Mrs
Musculab. - twenty five &
And Mrs. Hesperomys -
ten. During my
absence they had invaded
a ~~large~~ possession of
my house. The amount
of paper they had torn
in bits - & their nests
was astonishing. I am

Charming little niece Gussette ("with
the accents on the ette") seems to have
inherited your fondness for such
things; as nothing makes her more
happy than the gift of a mouse. And
of all the toys she had yesterday from
the Xmas tree, none I am sure
gave her more delight than the
lovely "Flepie". I took from a trap
in the morning a pet on the tree
for her. Mrs. Foster & Flo prepared
a tree in the most beautiful manner
& the children seemed very happy

Your Father was suffering
 from a heavy cold
 which I feared might
 result in pneumonia as
 he has not appeared at
 all well through the fall
 & winter. He has seemed
 much dejected & broken
 spirited quite unlike
 himself.

I hope to your trip to the
Orinoco & Marañon you made
many new discoveries &
experienced all a natural-
ist's pleasure in exploring
a new region.

Please give my love to
Viggi & Mrs. Gardner
& regards to all others who
care to hear from me. Say to
Mr. Henshaw that I am
not forgotten the Leopendrium
but will send it before long.
With many kind wishes for your
future happiness, & with double thanks

Arch. Z.

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly "for those photographs"]

Ans. April 26/87.

Locust Grove

March 10th 1887

My dear Har.

Charlie has given

me the parcels you were
so kind as to send by him.

That is a splendid specimen
of Cactus. but I found to my

cost, that it must be "handled
tenderly, lifted with care". The

little spines are more intrusive
than welcome. I thank you

most heartily for having
it for me, as also a collection

rec^d a few days since -
which I have run as care-

less as not to acknowledge

but I appreciate your
kindness all the same.

I wish you would tell
Dr Fisher that I was
very glad to get the moss
cup acorns & the leaves of
the same. I have compared
them with those we found
the last day we were out.

They are not the alike at all.
I'm doubtful then being
the *A. macrophyllum*. I remember
I hope that beautiful green
snake was of the species
he so much wished to get.
& that it was living when
he returned to Washington.

A few weeks after I wrote
you Florence & your mother
sent me those elegant
photographs. a very fine
set of

me. I have a perpetual delight
wonder to me, - delight
become they are so perfect
all so beautiful, and
I wonder - because I cannot
understand how you could
have ever started with
such germs, & so many
at all are on the 1st & 2nd
I would be to have a whole
herbarium photographed in
the same manner.

Charlie had a very enjoy-
able visit in Washington
& New York. Poor fellow, he
did him a vast deal of
work & got away from home
with the children even for
a short time. He had
something to think of & talk
about, ^{now} besides the new drift
of Locust Grove

I am glad you Mother
& Florence have decided
to go to Europe next sum-
mer with Gussie. She
will have quite a party
of ladies to go with.

Christ is the luckiest of
fellows. A few weeks ago
an old lady friend - one of
his patients. told her son a
game him five hundred
dollars of the proceeds, &
last week. Mrs. Cartwright
(I do not know how the name is
spelled) of White Plains. pre-
sented him with an elegant
gold watch & chain for bring-
ing her children safely
through the malignant
scarlet fever.

Fannie was quite delighted
with the pretty ribbons Lizzie
sent her, & the boys with
the ball & jumping mounds.
Charles told me how

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very fortunate you have
been in securing a
building lot. I am
glad you are to have a
permanent home - for
those endless bottles &
copes - to say nothing
of your own self.
Very love & Affection Miss
Fanny - & kind remem-
brance to other friends.

Ever most affectionately
Aunt Helen

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Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Agricultural Department
Washington D. C.

Encl. Apr 26/87.

Leicester
April 20th

I am very grateful
for such a fine
specimen of the
Asarum Virginicum
from Woods. It must
be full of wild
flowers, and are
still reposing under
two feet of snow. Enclosed
again, I send the

I find a *Colopendrium*
in this mail from
Henshaw, addressed
to your care, N.H. and
please deliver it with
my apologies for any
delay. All well
H. M. Bagg

Locust Grove
May 2^d 1887

My dear Frank,

With many thanks
I acknowledge the
receipt of Mrs. Foxes
of interesting plants.
They did not reach
me till Friday & some
of them showed the
effects of their journey.
But the greater part
were in good condition.
The *Mertensia* was
very fresh & beautiful.
Thank Elizabeth White

(B/4)

my love for taking so
much pains in
gathering & packing
it in one. I sowed
all but one root which
I have planted in the
garden. It is worthy of
cultivation. The *Asarums*
are valuable additions to
my collection. The *Viola*
striata, I had one from
the cimen of, from Mich-
igan - & was glad to get
better ones. The *Viola sagittata*
grows at Lyon's Falls. The
Trollium sessile, I had
not seen before. I found
two leaves of *Jeffersonia di-*
phylla - but no flower. The
flowers of the *Ens cristata*
were quite soft from the
delay in the P.O. but one

was opened. As I was able to identify it.
The plants with crumpled leaves & both are
Carduus Cristatus. But many names & the same
other names of the day & people & names. The
flowers were all gone, & I had nothing

my love for Catkins so
much being in
gathering space being
to in one. I understand
all but one not which
I understand in the
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are Valuable additions to
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grows at Byron's Falls, the
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not seen before. I found
no leaves of Jeffersonian di-
phylla. but no flower. The
flowers of the Viola cristata
were quite soft from the
delay in the P.O. but one

had opened, so I was able to identify it.
The plants with mottled leaves I took for
Viola cristata, but may prove to be some
other member of the Lythrum family. The
flowers were all gone, so I could do nothing
but plant it & wait for more to develop.
Claytonia virginica grows in this country according
to Hough, but I have not found it. I am
so very much obliged for them all.
How you must enjoy your excursions
again this year. Thank you for remembering
me. I am extremely busy. Lewis has been
at work on my garden to day. trying to get
rid of some of the accumulated rubbish.
I am expecting Fannie soon for a few
days. She is coming to Utica this week

to visit a friend, & will
come here before returning
to the City? I would have
preferred to have her in
the summer - but you know
"We cannot have everything
& please us." I think I can
appreciate some of the
work you will have to do
when moving day comes.
I know what it was last
year - I think you will
not be sorry when you get
into a permanent home.

I fear Cousin James
Sheldon's estate will leave
his family in straitened
circumstances. I am
sorry for his daughters,
though they will now
probably be at liberty to
marry as they choose.
Remember Dr Fisher I am quite
in debt to him for two Violets.
Write much love to you all.
I am in haste Affectionately Aunt Helen

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CLARENCE B. BAGLEY

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 26, 1917.

Hon. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:--

Today I received from the "Department of Commerce," a copy of the pamphlet giving your statement before the United States Geographical Board entitled "Shall the Name of Mount Rainier be changed?" which I have read carefully.

You may not have seen the brief letter from John Muir on this subject. It was republished in the Post-Intelligencer this week. Mr. Muir held many high and responsible positions in the service of the Northern Pacific Railroad and therefore speaks authoritatively.

The writer was the first to publish the first and early appearances of the word Tacoma in the Pacific Northwest and to declare that the movement for the change of the name of Rainier emanated from the officials of the corporation above named, but Mr. Muir's brief letter is the first confirmation I have seen of my statement.

My collection of Pacific Northwest Americana is the most comprehensive of any in existence. I have been collecting it during the past half century. I have been familiar with every phase of the controversy from its inception. I have talked with a great many of the true pioneers of Oregon and Washington and I have not found one who had ever heard of the name Tacoma until Winthrop's Canoe and Saddle made its appearance in this territory.

The 21st of the present month rounded out my sixty-fifth year in Oregon and Washington.

With many kindly wishes,

C. B. Bagley

Recd. Oct. 12, 1917

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

1871-1875

Mrs. Henry Bailey, sister of CHM

Notes from mother in letters of Dec. 1, 1876 and Nov. 15, 23, 1877;

letter of June 9, 1877 incomplete

See also Bailey, Henry

Washington, March 12th 1871-
MY DEAR HART

I AM VERY GLAD
YOU ARE WELL.

I HAVE GOT A NEW
DRESS. HOW DO YOU

LIKE YOUR STUDIES.

HART THERE IS A LITTLE DOG

HERE AND HIS NAME IS

SNOW. AND HE IS AS WHITE

AS SNOW. WRITE

SOON YOUR
AFFECTIONATE
SISTER FLORENCE

PAPA SENDS HIS
LOVE

1. Mother, mention. 2. Deborah, the young
deborah, mention. 3. Deborah, the young
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deborah, mention.

14. They will advise. They will be advised.
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1. Monetur, morentur. 2. Terrebar, trebamur.
3. Monelitur, moneluntur. 4. Territiliter, teritur sum.
5. Monitus erat, teritus erat. 6. Monitus ero, teritus ero.
7. Mones, moreor, 8. Monerem, monerem. 9. Mones, monerem.
10. Terrent, terrentur. 11. Terrebant, terrebantur.
12. Terrebunt, terrebuntur.

14. They will advise. they will be advised.
15. We advise, we are advised. 16. We were advising,
we were advised. 17. We shall advise, we shall be advised.

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[Washington, D.C. 1871]

MARCH 16

DEAR HART

DID MAMA TELL
YOU THAT MISS

ABBIE HALE

BROKE HER ANGLE

BONES - & HAD TO CROWN

CLEAR IN TO HER

HOUSE. POOR GIRL SHE

WILL HAVE TO LIE

IN BED MORE THAN

A MONTH .

MRS ROBERTS

HAS GOT INTO

HER ~~NEW~~ NEW HOUSE.

MRS CHANCE IS

HERE. I CAN NOT

ENI
FIND YOUR LETTER

SO E WILL

PAY



F. A. MERRICK

JUNE 26 WENSDAY 1872

DEAR BROTHER HART.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR NOT

WRITING YOU BEFORE. THERE ARE

TWO WILD PIGONS THAT COME HERE

MOST EVRY DAY AND ARE SO TAME

THAT YOU WOULD HARDLY KNOW

THAT THEY WERE WILD.

CLINTY HAD TWO HAWKS AND

SENT THEM TO CENTREL PARK. COUSIN IN

HE HAS 3 FLYING SQUIRLE^S YOU ARE

NOT COUNTING THE MOTHER. WERE H

~~That~~ KNOX HAS GOT A YONG LOVELY

HOUND THAT UNCLE CHARLEY SINCE

GAVE HIM. O HART YOU AND BOWL OF

COLLIE HAVE A NOTHER ~~WAX~~ NEICE. FOR DI

WE HAVE NOT RECEVED THE RATTLE- SENDS

SNAKE TAIL NET. WE HAVE A LITTL^E FLOREN

TREL. PARK. COUSIN IN KANSAS. I HOPE

SQUIRLE YOU ARE WELL. I WISH YOU

E MOTHER. WERE HERE IT IS

A YONG LOVELY HERE. A FEW DAYS

CHARLEY SINCE I PICKED A SMALL

YOU AND BOWL OF STRAWBERRIES

WAX NEICE. FOR DINNER. COLLIE

THE RATTLE- SENDS LOVE.

HAVE A LITTL
E

FLORENCE. A. MERRIAM.

Cousin Julia

Wishes with love

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March 18



APRIL THURSDAY

DEAR MAM

PERFECTLY

IT WAS

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PICTURE

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I HAVE

YOU

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Cousin Gertrude

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YOU WILL READ ON YOUR CASE

NOT RECEIVED MY LETTERS

BEFORE WELL

YOU SEE I COMMENCED

IT & THEN LEFT

IT & ~~WAS NOT~~ COULD

NOT FIND IT TILL NOW

I HOPE YOU WILL EXC

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YOU CAN

USE ~~ME~~ FOR NOT WRITING

BEFORE. BUT NOW I MEAN

TO ~~ME~~ MAKE UP FOR

LOST TIME. YOU SEE THE

WELL

PICTURE I DREW DO YOU THINK

MEANED

IT IS DONE NICELY I PAINTED

LEFT

IT WITH TUIA REINGIS

OUR

THE SNOW IS 5 FEET DEEP

ILL NOW

AT OUR HOUSE AND 7 IN

LINE

THE WOODS.

THE APRIL THE V R DAY

DEAR AMMA

DEAR MAMA
I AM SO HAPPY
TO HEAR FROM YOU
AND TO KNOW YOU
ARE WELL

TO THE YOU HAVE BEEN

FOR AN EASTER PRESENT

COULD I HAVE BEEN MORE A

BOX OF PRESENTS TO YOU

AND TO YOU AND YOUR

PRESENTS ARE SO PRESENT

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ALL THE

COUSIN JULIA SENDS HER LOVE

AND SO DOES AMMA.

KISS YOUR SELF FOR ME.

YOUR AFFECTIONATE

LOVE FOR

FLORENCE A. MERRIAM.

Fort Hall Indian Territory
C. Heart Merriam
September. 4. 1872.

Dear Heart.

I hope you are having a pleasant
time. Climbing up Mountain
and getting down into deep
gorges. Spence and
her Maama are coming here
on at 9 Grandmas to morrow.

Your Loving sister
Florence L. Merriam

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. H.,

Dictation. September 2 1872.

Dear Tula.

Please excuse me for not
writing you before. I hope
you are well and getting ready to
enjoy the winter. I had a pleasant
time on Wed & X Birthday and
I wish you could have ^{been} here. ~~at my~~
fortunately it was a pleasant day and
we had a pleasant time too.

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

Sep. 15. Monday.

1872.

DEAR HART

I HOPE YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY HOME AND
HAYING A PLEASANT TIME. THIS MORNING EDITH
AND MYSELF FOUND THREE MILK WEED.

~~THE~~ WORMS AND GOT THEM AND PUT THEM
IN A GRAPE BOX AND PUT SOME GRASS
ON THE TOP. I HOPE YOU ARE WELL.

YESTERDAY MAMA AND AUNT SARAH AND UNCLE
WALLACE AND EDITH AND CLINTY WENT TO
BONVILLE TO GET SOME CLOTHES FOR CLINTY AS HE
IS GOING TO ^{TO} HUNGRY FORD INSTITUTE.

AND WE WENT ~~TO~~ MRS. OWENS TO CALL.

Hart I do wish you WERE HERE.

COUSIN JULIA WENT AWAY LAST WEEK AND IS
IN NEW YORK NOW.

AUNT SARAH AND EDITH SEND
MUCH LOVE.

your Loving Sister.
Florence. S. Merriam.

My Precious Boy

We have felt great
solicitude on your acct
of late - Your father
particularly has been
distressed beyond measure
but the Indians I should
take possession of you
But I have felt less
uneasiness about you
Every day & many times
a day, since you left us,
I have committed you
to your Heavenly Father -
and I believe He will
watch over & protect you
while so far away from
your dear earthly
friends - Trust in Him
my dear boy & then come
life or death - all will be well
mother

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

1872

Oct 26

Dear Hart.

I was delighted and
am now too here
that you were want-
ing home so soon but
I wish it were soon-
er. I would not
like to be an Indian
in the family but
I would like to see
the little boy you
spoke of in your
letter. Aunt Sarah
wrote Uncle for
Mamma to send
me some rubber boots

the sermon which and
 Mary, Edith and now
 myself staid at near
 home at dinner. I have
 Mary sat at the foot can not
 and I sat at the head is not
 head and Edith and please go
 Miss & Edith sat on Regard
 either side. Dear Aunt
 Heartily please hurry Sarah
 home I want to see you went
 as much as we all do. in the

I hope you know it is see to
 just like me do you know
 know that I commenced with
 my letter yesterday wanted
 and left off in a sentence done.
 and have not thought mine
 of it till now and it is I am I

which and I have got them
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 at wear them nor go
 summer I have a cold and
 the foot can not go out. How
 at the is Mr Stevenson
 and please give him my
 t on Regards. ^{very} Anna
 dear Aunt Helen and
 hurry Sarah and Collie
 see you went to Port Leyd
 all do. en this morning to
 or it is see the Church
 to you Consecrated but unfortu
 nately what they
 arday wanted to see was all
 a sentence done. They were
 thought ministers & there and
 and it is Dr Haight preached

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saturday. Part I would
like to see you ever so much.
Edith is real cross some times
but not anly. Have you
had a good square meal yet.
Fernald & Caldwell is here
and I like him ever so
much. Elsie and L
are at Cousin Julia's
school. I hope you know
that Clinty is at
school at Adams.
I hope you are well.
This morning I got
a letter from Mattie
& Gale. Edith sends
her love.

your

Loving sister

Lourence B. Wadsworth

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Louisville K. Ky.

May. 8.th 1873.

Dear brother Harty.

You may soon expect to see us if we come at this rate, stopping two or three days at each place. How are you getting along with finding birds and things. Collie has got a Snake in a bottle of Alcohol that was caught on Look-out Mountain in the Photograph house. Harty do write soon and answer my question.

Love from all.

Your aff sister.
Florence.

Love from all. I have
been to the
country of England. & I
have been to
the country of England.

Louisville, Ky.
May 8th 1873

My dear Papa.

Here I find
myself again writing to
you. ~~again~~ But I hope
you will not think
that I have forgotten you
because it is ever so long
since I have written you.
But now I must tell you
what I saw in the Cove.
I saw ~~first~~ the Snow-
Ball, Archway, which was
beautiful. and I went
to many more places when

wrote again before

Mount Grove. P.O.

September 13th 1873.

Dear father Maudie

I received your kind letter ever so long ago and am very sorry I have not answered it before. We are always glad when we get a letter from you. Collie received a letter from you that had been to Linton, and it made us laugh to hear what you said (It keeps a man a bobbin round to keep up with the times) it was just suited to that place, and if you are a man I think it must keep you a bobbin every.

I have just finished writing a composition the first one I have ever written I think, Aunt Beattie and Lily aunt

Eden aunt Sarah and Edith
were up here the afternoon
that mama wrote to you last,
auntie Sarah to say good by,
" " and Edith aunt
Louise and uncle Sammie went away
the next day.

Yesterday Kate
another brother and sister came
to see her and Samson came
to but not with them.

Saturday evening the boys Jimmy
Richy and L. Harrison,

(for they left here to stay at
Grandpas that afternoon and
he had left something he had
to come and get.) and we
played Preverbs shouting
and the other kind,

auntie Leathy had gone
to Beaville to stay that
morning. I'll write a
few more and send it when
I get done. S. B. Harrison

Hammond
September 16th 1877.

Dear Hart.

You know the letter
I wrote you yesterday and said I
would write a journal, well paper
sent it off or rather got it ready
to send this morning and mailed it
up.

Lily came up here this
morning and is here yet.
Sheridan has got over so many
beautiful worms.

Duke has grown a
little since you went away.

Last night it was as dark
as pitch and paper went to
Lawrenceville to attend circus.

Grandpa and paper are going to Lawrenceville
to-morrow to the county fair. we have
a tomato that weighs a pound and ten ounces. It is

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friday
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but right at last
Sept 23

Leant Lane

Sept 17th 1871.

Dear Harty

Grandpa and paper
are going this morning.

Grandma has a very bad cold.

Last night Merriam and Anne
came up here and we played
Charister what is my thought
like to ~~have~~ when and where.
and fackstones.

Yesterday evening Anne
found a little peacock feather
that was not larger than this
and I sent it to Edith.

Got a Postal card
from Uncle Sam, they
are going to move &
to 491 St are unusually,
today.

Your loving sister
Edna

at home

1871.

Sept 18th 1873

Dear Heart

he were very glad
to get a letter from you
last night.

Papa came home
home very unexpectedly last
night.

This morning Collie
and mamma ~~have~~ went to
the Fall to call on the
Lagers and not got back
yet.

The first few nights
you were gone we missed
you very much just
as we were going to
bed.

Every evening when
dinner reads about in

Sunday I read around
the woods and it is all
Lib M.

Dear my dear heart
I am so glad you don't forget
me I shall visit you soon
when I find time

every name

Sept 22nd 1873

Dear heart

I suppose you
will think it strange
that I did write my
dear brother either Friday
or Sat but I was
so busy that I did not get at it
until in the afternoon
Katie's brother came
for her. As her
Grandfather had
died and so she
went, and of course
there was work
for me all the
rest of the afternoon
to help her
and Sat I worked
with all day.

but night of Sat night of Sept 23

Yesterday went off
but not in the Sh. looked

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I am
I would
to move
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Harkington D.C.

Dec. 28th 1855.

My dear Harty

Please don't think I have forgotten you, because I have not written you before. I promised to tell you about all the people, well to begin with our house, Mr and Mrs Wheelers rooms are right under ours, and a Mr Ray, (a member from Ill) right under theirs, Mr & Mrs Ray are very nice people, I think, and they have a little girl by the name of Lizzie whom I like very much. So go to the next house the Bangers have the rooms that Sen Philips had. Mrs Rines and Mrs Reed and Mrs Shover have the same rooms that they had last year. The Berlants (from Ill) have the rooms we had last year.

the Farrell has the
had, and the same
has the one

had. Judge Hale has the rooms on
the 2nd story that the Boutwells had &
the Saddons have the rooms Judge, and
the other had. Now I guess I have
told you where they all room so now
I will tell you something about the
people.

Ben Sartoris and his wife
were on the case with us coming from
Helen to New York, but of course we
did not know them at that time.
The Saddons and his mother are very
pleasant and his little girl is very
nice as well as very pretty.

Sunday before last the shower spoke
at Lincoln Hall.

A few weeks ago I got a letter from
the Edwards.

It seems when we were in New York
aunt Louisa gave mama a beautiful

room the Boutwells
date & the Brigard
the Benings

Writing, Pen
and envelope
kind, & I
I suppose you
know.

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the book

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Writing Desk for me and it had paper
and envelopes in it just like the same
kind, & am waiting, on.

I suppose papa spent Christmas at
home.

We were very glad to hear you
had caught up with your classes.

I saw Miss Chapman the other evening

I had over so many Christmas presents,

but the best the best of all was a

beautiful Roucan sack that Auntie
bought me.

For papa's Christmas present
I worked him a pair of Slippers.

I suppose you are waiting to us or have
written.

Please write soon to your
Loving Sister.
Florence.

Ed

Shama sends a great deal of love,
and wants to know if you are well yet.

PD I have reads
a great deal
of love and
no slaves any more
Little Sister
Florence

Washington D.C.

Feb. 22nd 1874.

My dear Mary.

Please excuse me this time I
will try not to do so again but the time
goes so fast that I could not find
time to write you in.

You wanted me to tell you about
Bejor (you that is the name of my
bird) he is a light yellow and in some
places a little white. he has a beautiful
voice, his cage is brass and just as pretty
as it can be.

We are all feeling very happy in
thinking that if we live you will be with
us next week.

It is like a busy day here to day

and I have been

most melted all

We shall be

that we are

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to tell you that

Congress is in session all through
church.

Yesterday we got a letter from Lollie
from Denis and the day before I got
one from him from Florence, he was
well and enjoying himself very much.

We have a Sewing Society here or at least
are going to have our first meeting

tomorrow. We are going to make garments

for the poor people, I think all the ladies
in the house are members of it except
those that go to the Seavary.

I suppose you are or else you have
written us today.

Miss Abbie Farnell is here and has
been a long while perhaps mamma has told
you.

They commenced having Skarades
here quite a while ago.

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We shall be so glad when you come
that we must know what to do.

Why did not you send me a halibut
all fellow.

How time does go, it is a quarter of 5 now.

and I have not finished writing

my I I lesson.

Mr David ^{your friend} is here now and says he
has two packages for you. so you had
better come quick and get them, as
he is not going to send them to
you.

Senator Oglesby's family is going
away very soon I think, I will
miss them very much for they have
three children and one of them I
like better than all the other girls
in the house except Lizzie Ray
that I spoke to you about before.
her young baby is so sweet, she
has brought it over here - twice
to see us. It is quite large

for its age.

I suppose you will not answer
this letter till you come back
from here.

Have you had any letters
from Lollie? If you get any
you must send them to us.

We are not going to have
the dancing on Saturdays on
Saturdays any more but on
Mondays.

Please remember me
kindly to Lorry.

Now Lorry you must
write me just as often
as you can get time.

With much love & affection
as ever your most
loving sister

L. Lawrence

Editha sends
a great deal
of love and
we loves you
D. Little Sister
L. Lawrence

My dear Lorry.

Please excuse
will try not to do so
you so fast that I can
to write you in.

You wanted me
Bejor (for that is
bird) he is a light
places a little white.
voice, his cage is brass
as it can be.

We are all getting well
thinking that if we
us next week.

It is like a day

Washington. D. C.

April. 1874.

My dear Hart.

I was very glad to get your letter, you are mistaken I think, in saying that I sent you two letters.

I have got some bad news to tell you, Mamma has got another of her sick head aches, It is not as severe as the last one she had.

Last night we ^{got} a letter from cousin Augusta saying they had sold their house, and so we can not stay there as we expected to.

We got a letter from Lollie this morning, which we will send you.

It is a lovely day, but "poor me" has got a cold so I can't go out.

Mrs Young has just been here, with Mrs Stotsenburg.

I had rather have my Bijou than

a lot of your folks & Susan, I would be wiser
if you would tell me what John is. for me
think Susan is a Suttle.

When I told Miss Brigham you
sent your love to her, she said when I
wrote to you, to send a letter full.

Bijou has learnt three new notes, but he
dont get tame, and I let him out most every day,
what can I do to make him tame?

Yesterday I wrote to ^{cousin} ~~Miss~~ ^{Augusta} ~~Rockwell~~.
I can not answer Anna Samuels letter, till
you tell me what to say for you. you know she
waited to know if you remembered her.

I am so glad you did not catch the poor
rabbit, you spoke about.

Why did not you? send Lollies letter
to us.

Miss Abbie Hale says she is real wery not to
see you.

I should say you were "in luck" to
see aunty Sarah and Edith by going to an
other place.

You did not go and see cousin

Augusta?

I wish you was here, it seems as if you ought to be with us.

The trees and leaves are so green, and the Pear tree out in the back yard has commenced blossoming.

To-night Ben Shortcut was going to tell me a story, but I don't believe Mamma will let me go to hear it.

I have been filing letters for papa lately, and he has paid me for it.

Mamma sends her love to you,

I would write more but the dinner bell has rung and I have not anything to say.
With much love.

I remain.

Your Loving Sister.

Flourence St. Quirren

Washington D.C.

May 21st 74.

My dear Party.

You see I write to you first, to tell how I am, and today is the 5 day I have been up for a little while, this morning I went down to breakfast, the first time in over 2 weeks, My eyes are not well, and Mamma don't let me read at all yet.

We got your letter yesterday, the flood was April.

You never would have sent me any such present if you had known how it would have affected your "poor sick Mother".

You will excuse this writing, as Mamma won't let me hurt my eyes trying to write better,

~~she~~ ~~my~~ ~~you~~ ~~not~~
Mama wanted
write you today, but
she went out this morn-
ing, and is out now.
Miss Fannie Grant
was married at 11 this
M. and Mrs. Fannie
(to her brother) Saturday.
Mama & Papa attended.
I enclose a letter from
Bobbie & received last
night. He said at
8 1/2 past 4 this P. M.

I have not been out
yet. With love I am
Your loving Mother

Homewood

Nov 7 1874.

Dear Dantzlicker

Mama left us this morning for about two weeks, in New York, she is going to board at Mrs Davises No 61 East 52nd St.

We got the things Uncle Chas sent us when cousin Jennie came, I suppose Mama will bring one of the shawls at least, to H L I guess all the grasshoppers are dead by this time.

It is a beautiful day.

Mama received Miss Ellen's letter the other night.

At last Papa has let me ride old Jimmie alone, all round the woods and down to Grandmama's.

But I must stop now
so good by
Sweeties.

P.S.

Doflicker

& Muggie

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to be
remembered
to

Doflicker ^(copy)

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

June 12th 1875.

Dear Heart.

It is a beautiful day. This morning right after breakfast, I went down to Grandma's on Snow-shoes, with Clint. He had to drive Uncle Charles down to ^{the} Port. He has gone to the Fair at Utica.

Last Friday Aunt Helen, Clint, and Mama & I, went to Boonville to the Groves. They are afraid Sophie will have the ~~Hooping~~ Cough because she has some cold now and most all the children in Boonville have it.

The snow is very deep, it snowed all day Saturday, and a little Sunday.

Please give my love to Miss Ella and thank her for selecting such a nice book for me. and give my love to Gen. too Please.

Mama sends love and says you were naughty boy not to write just as soon as you

arrived. A cousin Jennie sends her love and says we miss you. And that she expects an answer to the skyeentje letter she wrote you before the holidays.

Knox sends his love.

I send love and kisses and want you to write me just as soon as you can.

Bene est nobis.

Bene Te.

Vale.

S. A. M.

Homewood.

March 12th 75.

Dear Hart.

You owe me a letter, but papa wants me to write you to find out if you want a book on North American birds by Coues that was sent you last night, sent to you, or kept here.

Miss Bates of Watertown a young lady in Washington that Papa got a place for in the Treasury last winter, sent me by him a beautiful gold pen and a very handsome, and two boxes of writing paper & envelopes, one like this, and the other colored. It shows she is very grateful for what Papa has done for her.

Clint has gone down to Grandmas to stay.

Elu's school was out yesterday.

I ^{finished} my Latin book, but am going to review some of it.

Miss Florence Lyon came up ^{day before} yesterday,
& Miss ^{me} Queen yesterday; Miss M -
brought a lovely little button hole bouquet
for Papa.

One rings every day.
Gen'l Spinner sent me his picture.
Fennies arm is better.

Please give Miss Ella & Jennings
my love, and write soon to me.

Ever your loving Sister
Florence et. Murrison

P.S.

Papa & Mama
sent their love
to you.

L. A. M.

P. S. No 2.

One ate 27 flies
this morning.

Sam

P. S. No 3. It has been thawing today.

Home!

May 10th 1875-

Dear Brother Hart

This morning before breakfast. Jennie Price and I, went in the woods to get some wild flowers to plant in Bertys grave.

How are Miss Ella and Jennings? Please give them my love

Wednesday A M 12th

Yesterday I left my letter to go down to Grandma's, and Auntie Helens. They were all as well as usual. Clint showed me a bird he got the other day.

Monday P M. 17th

Ever so many things have happened since I left my letter last.

Thursday (or Friday) A M Mama says an Oriole, by the house, so we put Ori out

there (on the Piazza) and in a few minutes the Oriole came and lit on the top of his cage, and by and by another one came, but he did not stay long, but the one that came first, stayed, and ate some crumbs we put out for him, till ^{Papa told us to take} we ~~took~~ the cage into the dining room, and leave the window open, which we did, and very soon after, I looked, and he was in there, on the cage, so I went and shut the window, and then we went in, and caught him, and put him in the cage, he was very restless in the house, but when we put him on the Piazza he was more quiet, and Saturday, Mrs Price went down to Grandmother's and got her big cage, to put him in, and Papa put both the birds in, but in the morning Ori was so scared, we put by himself.

Yesterday morning before breakfast a little Redstart tried to get in at Papas window, so he opened it and the little fellow came

in, but out, and other were each side not at all and then he must because morning to stop other so put soon done it did not came up to go to secure to put and Papa him so

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in, but when he went to shut it, he flew
out, and then he tried to get in at the
other window, so Papa went down, and by going
each side of him, we got him in, and he was
not at all afraid, and he picked up flies
and things round the house, and we think
he must have eaten to many, or something,
because that evening he died! and this
morning I took him down for Christ
to stuff.

But to return to the
other bird, this morning Coz J went to
put some food in his cage. She had now
done it with both hands full, & he
did not act afraid of her. but Christ
came up just then, and Coz J asked him,
to go away, as she was trying now to
scare him, but just as she was going
to put him out! and away! he went.
and Papa has been teasing her about
him ever since.

Sairy. at moulting, it is

getting along very well.

Ego habeo nota scripta vobis
ante because you owe mei spiritola
et a postal.

He was up here to-day
to say good by, as he is going
away. I know now where.

I have just had a ride on
Kitty! she goes splendid, don't you
think much at age.

I must go down to
Bromfield's now so bidieu

Yours in love and looks!
Florence L. Merriam.

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Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

June 7th 1875

My Dear Hart.

I received your letter, and was glad to learn, ^{that} my brother, had such a forgiving spirit.

To-day is Aunty Helen's birthday, and the anniversary of Papa's popping the question to Mamma.

We have had a nice rain, this morning, that will do the crops a great deal of good, as it has been very dry lately.

I ride Betty every day, most, and enjoy it very much. Dr. Witton, said it was the best thing I could do.

We had a Party from them, they were at the Forge House, ^{'6} arrived safe and sound and were having "a splendid time."

We saw the Roberts, while in Utica, they were just going to move into their new house.

Some time ago, Old Shurley's head, got out, quite badly,
and Mr Price and Papa sewed it up, dont you
wish you had seen him?

HOW ARE MISS ELLA AND GEIV?
PLEASE GIVE MY LOVE TO THE M.

PLEASE WRITE SOON AGAIN.
EVER YOUR AFFECTION
ATE HEIV.

FAM

P.S. WILLY
DMS & EAD
WAS HERE THE
OTHER NIGHT.
KNOX SENDS HIS
LOVE.
FAM

When are you
coming home? and
how long to stay.

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Stomewood

July 27th / 75.

Dear Brother Hart.

As long as you did not write to me, I thought I would write to you.

I am very glad your cold has left you, and that you are so happy.

Have you found any very rare specimens?

We are going to the Owens, Thursday or Friday, to spend the day.

"Win S. L." is coming up, to bring Uncle Elia back. (he went down there yesterday from here.) and then is going to spend the evening, with us.

The other day I got a letter from Nanny.

This morning Mr Price and Lillie, put out the horizontal, right by the swing.

The other day Mrs Owens, Liz, and Sophia, were here.

We are getting quite mixed up, here,

having dancing, every few nights.

If you won't tell any-body, I'll tell you something abt Lorie and I. know, the little chickens, were hatched out of a nest.

Don't need to tell Lorie or me, write a letter, to Edith Thurman.

By Julia is going to Cape Vincent to-morrow.

Mamma has been confined, almost entirely, to her bed, since Sunday, with a sick headache, but she is a great deal better to-day.

With love from all.

Always yours in love.
Flo.

How do you spell Merrill?

We tease Lollie to blushes,

most every day, about

Flo L.M.

will have to do
for now.

Oh by the way
Mrs Hartman
has got a
cancer
on her
eye.

With a
great deal
of love.

I am
your

Loving
sister

Lucene,

(not yet
sent)
August 19th
1875
Home.

Dear Brother Hart

I received your lovely long letter
and darling little shells, for both of which.
I thank you very much indeed, and I con-
fess a great deal of neglect in not thank-
ing you for them before.

Yesterday I suppose you remember
was Grandmas 75th birthday.

To tell the truth, I am rather glad
to get rid of the convulsions than other wine.

I wish you might have been
here the 7th & 8th. "Miss Ph" came
up the night of the 6th with us, in a
dreadful thunder storm, and spent the
next day, and the Millers came to tea,
and the Lyons, afterwards. I got two
lovely Chromos, from Cousin Jennie,
and a little book paper cutter and
pocket pencil case, from Mamma.

What do you mean by ponied?

I think you needed to ring till midnight, to digest ^{half} a peck of green apples, and I don't wonder you all had headaches ^{when you reached home}. I wish we might have seen the phosphorescence of the water, it must have been beautiful.

How fortunate it was, that Miss Johnston did not have any ill effects from her portion out.

I wish you could be here, if you never saw a lion in love, you would enjoy it highly. They go into it head over heels, and make a great fuss about it, but I don't blame them, a bit, they ~~look~~ at least Collier don't seem to be happy unless they are together. Won't it seem funny

to have Collier married?! but I am glad he has found such a lovely woman for his wife.

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a lovely

Uncle Charles is coming home next
month. We have not heard from
him in a good while.

Cousin Julia is here now, but is
going away in a few days.

Collie wanted me to tell you,
that he would write to you to-morrow.

Is it not too bad that Miss Ella,
had to lose part of her vacation?

I guess my little lamb, can amuse
himself better as he is, than if
he had some props to educate.

"Sister Flo" was here yesterday to
spend the day, and Collie took her
home, and brought cousin J. E. B.
back with him.

You are a good boy to stick to your
principles.

Miss Mary Lord was married to
Dr Johnston, yesterday.

Uncle W. W. is coming

up here some time this week, I believe.

There was another screaming, here the other day. Mr Duain Jackson's horses came tearing up the road, and right past the house, and hit me - hit me to the post, but Papa caught one of them, before he could get to hurt me, and the one that he caught, was quite badly cut on the foot.

Cousin Julia, and Mamma send their love to you, and Cousin Julia says, she is going to write you very soon.

I must go and feed the chickens now, and after tea go down to Auntie Helen's, to get some flowers for the picnic.

Please excuse this brief answer to your lovely long letter, but it

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for now.

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here the other day, Mrs Quinn

Dickson having some falling up the
road, and right past the house,
and hit her - hit her to the foot,
but I am tonight one of them, before
she could get to hurt her, and she
one that she caught, was quite
bravely cut on the foot.

Emma's father, and Emma and
their son to go, and Emma's father
will, she is going to write you
very soon,

I must go and feed the
chickens now, and after tea go down.

will have to do
for now.

Oh by the way, the nurse
of Mrs Quinn
has got a
cancer
on her
eye.

With a
great deal
of love.

I am
your
Loving
Sister

Dorcas,

August 19th
(1875)

I received your lovely long letter,
and darling little shells, for both of which,

I thank you very much indeed, and I con-
fer a great deal of regret as well thank-
ing you for them before.

Yesterday I suppose you remember
was Shakespeare 75th birthday.

To tell the truth, I am rather glad
to get out of the coming, than other day.

I wish you might hear from
me the 7th or 8th. "What is the cause

up the night of the 6th with us, in a
downpour of rain, and spent the
rest day, and the Miller came to tea,

Homewood.
Sept 11th 1875.

My Dear Harty,

We received your letter, and I would have answered it before, only we expected you every day, so I thought it would be no use.

I think you will have to come home, and instruct us how to cut our letter gibas, for, strange as it may appear, both bollic's and my education, have been neglected on that score.

I suppose school, excuse me I mean bollic's, closed yesterday.

Cousin Jennie Aunt Sarah and Edith came Friday, and I have commenced studying again.

I hope you will not overdo, next winter.

You must have been very much surprised and disappointed not to find this

Ella and her Mother, Do you know the
what was the matter with Mr. Lavin?

How is Mrs. Dargan? please give
them both my love.

Genning is in Knoxville, and is
making it very pleasant for Horrie,
This week he (Horrie) was to be Uncle Charley's
Clerk, at the fair, and he was to get two
dollars a day, he is not at all homesick,
and is enjoying himself very much.

Marion Julia went back last
Tuesday.

Fleur, (my little lamb) is proposing.
I don't think of anything more
to say now, so good by.

They all send a great deal of
love. sincerely & co

Ever your aff and loving
Sister.

Flourie Murcin.

P.S. I have thought of something more.

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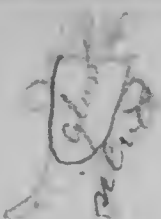
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them in
ext letter.

Home. Friday.
Oct 29th. 75.

Dear Bart.

Papa came home last week with accounts of your laziness, one would not think that such a boy as you, would waste such opportunities. please work just a little harder, it would disgrace the Merriman family if you should keep on being so lazy - but I have said enough on that point. - Next time you go out shooting for young ladies, you had better not shoot birds.

Don't you want to get for Ma -
ma, X new a dish to hold
spoons? something like this,

 some one spoke of it at the table
the other day, and she seemed to
think it would be very nice
to have one.

Love my

Yesterday the Lyons were
up here.

Please give my love to Mrs
Dagon Miss Ella and Jenny.

Papa sends his love to be a
good boy, and keep your bones
clean.

What are you going to
give Papa & Mollie for Christmas? I
wish you or somebody, would give
me a striped bird, it would
look so pretty in our room in
N. Y. & I want a purse too,
and lots of things.

Perhaps we can come
up and see you in N. Y. some
times, want that be nice?
Good bye I must go

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Love my lessons now,

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your next letter.

Dear Bart.

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Dear Harty.

Cousin Jennie got
the present for Mama, that
was too, and so he got
the one I wrote you
to, but there is some-
thing left for you,
I think she would
prize a stuffed bird,
very much, it would
look so nicely in our
room in Mr. B's, and

what is more useful; a nice
work-basket, she has
one that I gave her
last X mas, but that
is only a basket, and
a very common one
at that; I don't
mean for you to get
a very fancy one, that
she would not be likely
to use, but still a
nicer one than
she has now.

I hope Henry
is well now.
Please give my love
to them all, & yours

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

1876

D. and Miss Ella, about to you. and she says she will write you a letter in a day or two, when her fingers allow her.

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.

With ever
in much
love
yours
M. L. L.

Jan 26 1876.

Dear dear Herty;

You dont know how much I missed you, and how lonesome it seemed, after you went away. I had it all planned, that I was going to write you every Tuesday, and Wama, Fridays; but I have been so busy, that I have not had time to write to anyone.

We received your letter this morning; and were very glad to hear that Jennings is better, or at least, not in much pain.

We, (Papa, Wama, Lollie, and myself,) went down to the Lyons, yesterday; and took lunch, after which we left Lollie, and came home.

I suppose you dont know about Papa's foot. Corrie Frank, and Lizzie, came on the noon train, and went away the next morn. Corrie L.,

is as sweet looking as ever; and when Papa spoke of Shunks, she said she had forgotten all about that, long ago. But about Papa's foot; in the evening when they were here, he went down cellar to fix the fire; and an immense stick fell on his big toe! right above the nail, the pain from which, caused him almost to faint away, but he managed to get up stairs, and had it oiled up, first, with Iodol Extract, and then with Heronine but one of the two pierced his foot: so as to swell it badly, and to make it itch furiously, which latter it has not stopped doing yet.

Now for Anatomy. Collie says he has not time, to study it, so Cousin Jennie is instead. I wish we could have some of those bones, it would help so much. Cousin J. sends love to Mrs

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Feb 3rd 1876

Dear Hart:

I received your funny letter, Tuesday; and was sorry to hear, that you have such an unruly, and discontented palate. But hope a little tannin, will bring it to terms.

Tuesday I went to Utica, with Miss Flo, and had my tooth filled, but when - how it hurt! it was so dreadfully sensitive - I suppose some of us have written you about her. (Miss Flo) Taking ~~mixing~~ lessons, of a Mrs Shoppley, ^{in Utica} every Tuesday.

Mr Dagon, came here Saturday, and went away Monday.

he looks very well, altho he does not rest well, at night.

What kind of a thing is the extension?

Mrs Wetmore, has a baby, two weeks old, named, Clinton, Thomas.

We were delighted to hear of your good health; and hope it may continue.

Papa is going to shed his old nail, and exchange it, for a new one; or in other words, a new nail has made its appearance.

Last night, the papers, and the roads, have been opened, where Aunt Nina is.

Mr Dagon, told us that when Clint had been going, to Mrs Birkhoff's, the night before, ^{Mr D} he, was here, a young man

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had struck him right in his
eye, with a snowball, hurting
him cruelly.

Monday, when Fairy, was
old, he flew onto the Papochetes,
cage, and Fanny, took hold of
his foot, and would not let go
her hold, till she had a piece of
skin, in her bill: when I caught
Fairy, I put some of Doan's
Pain E-x-tracter, on: and now
he is nearly well.

I am amusing myself, with
a colol, just at present.

Papa says, "Tell him, to
send us a copy of the speech he
made, when he resigned the Pres-
idency, of that society."

Can Cousin Jennie, and I,
have those bones, to look at,
if Colbie, will get them?
Colbie has gone to Falls, to stay.

a day, or two. About a week ago, he partitioned off the big cage, into two parts, so now, we can have all three birds, in it.

Please give my love to Mrs. Dyer, Miss Ella, and Jennie, and tell the latter, I hope he may soon get well.

How is Prof Johnson?

With love from me, and all,

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Ever your aff
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Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

Feb 11th 1876.

Dear Harry.

To-day, is not Tuesday, but I have not had time till now, and this is by lamplight.

I bleed about $\frac{1}{2}$ pint, the other day: and that set me to thinking; Where does the blood, come from? and why dont it come out of both nostrils, at a time? and if it comes from a vein, how does it get out? and ^{I want} ~~all~~ to know all about it.

Where did you deliver your lecture? and to whom?

Fairys foot is well now, and he is as cross, as ever.

How is poor Lennie? and how long do you suppose he will have to stay on the

extension? and in your last letter, you said, that you he
was able to sit up, for little; do you mean to say. That
he gets off the extension?

Collie wants to know if you one him a letter?
How is Mrs Dagon?

I am getting over my cold now, but Mamma, Papa,
Collie, Corrin Jennie, and Jennie Bidwells, are on
the sick list. Mamma, with a bilious attack.

Papa. his
Collie. cold.
Mrs J. R. her
J. M. R. "
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So to-night I'll have
to brother em all.

How far do you suppose
we have gotten along in
Anatomy?

Mrs. Frier, is dead.

came, took dinner, and
spent the evening, and
last night Miss F. L., &
Miss W. C. Queen, came.

Mamma sends love, and
so do all the rest.

It has been raining all
day, but to-night it is moonlight and lovely.

Good by. Florence.

Went down, has been
home for a week, but has
gone back now.

of Monday night. The
Miller, came to call, and
spent the evening.

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

Wch. 16. Thursd 1876.

Dear Hattie.

Your letter of the 6th came, and I should have answered it before, but we have been away, all this week, and before that, I did not find time.

Monday, Mama, and I, went to Morris town, to see cousin Amanda, and stayed till this A. M. Cousin Lizzie, is so sweet, and so pretty! - Poor Richie, has had a dreadful toothache.

Bollie, has gone to the Falls.

I am so glad to hear that Jen is better, and hope he may continue to improve.

Please tell Miss Ella, that I received her letter, (for which I thank her very much,) and will answer it, as soon as I get time.

I should like to see your rats, ever so

much, they must be very cunning.

I am afraid my little mouse is dead, because Papa found one dead, that looked just like it. - I suppose you know he, (Papa) is a jurymen this week.

You have not answered half the questions I asked you in the letters, written a good while ago.

Uncle & Harley, and 2 others, took 3 crazy people, to Seneca Lake, to Willard's asylum, for incurable.

Please give my love to each, and all.

Your Loving Sister

Friedles.

D.S.

Blintie's eye, is very bad yet.

Mrs. J. B. says you a letter came for me, from you, while we were gone, but we have not been able to find it.

F. A. M.

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

March 20th 1876.

Dear Hartif—

Since I last wrote you—
we have been the happy receivers—of
two letters—and two postals—from you
which made us think of you must be
in a lovely place.

Do you know how far—is now?
We are having Spring weather—
in the pleasantness—of it—altho—
~~at~~ almost every morning—there
is a good crust—but it melts—in
a few hours—and off goes the snow.

We have gotten a little Lamb—
3 days old—just large enough to be
cuddling—ouch a head—and leg!
they are by far—the largest part of it—

Uncle Charles - is in New York -
now - and expects to come up
here - before long -

Birds - are plentiful here
now - Robins - crows - Brown
birds - ones - with black bodies - pink
bills - and white breasts - also this
A. M. I saw a black bird -
and a black squirrel -

Uncle Charles - has bought
3 or 4 - more cattle -

I must stop now

With Love from all

Your very
Sister

Homewood.

Wch. 20/76.

Dear Harry;

It is very stormy, now,
and has been, for several days.

Are you coming home, during
vacation?

Miss F. L. has just
escaped a severe attack, of Bilious
Fever, altho now she throws up,
almost constantly.

We were very sorry to hear
that Gen is no better, ~~don't~~ hope
he may be, soon.

Does Mrs Dargan, know
about her eyes, yet?

Yesterday, or rather day before,
Papa, in some way, or other, broke
off Uri's bill, or rather, the under
part of it, about so - much;
do you think the top part ought

to be made even, with it? (the bottom.)

Uncle Waters wants to know, if you knew a young Mr Burkhmore, at York?

Please answer these questions in your next letter home.

Cousin Wallace, Collins, has got the quick consumption and cannot live but a month at longest.

Uncle Wallace, is going to Poughkeepsie, to take Dr Surrchips farm, for a year.

Uncle James, almost got wrecked, they had such storms.

Please give my love to each² all.

Your Loving
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Mar 29/76.

My Dear Hertie -

Mamma says I had
better confine myself to common
as I do not use the other
punctuations - rightly -
but if I attempt them I
feel like adding something
so hereafter I'll clark through
my letters - very nicely.

Your letter has just
come - if you don't come Home
at your Vacation - now -

go off to Germany - next
summer - how much
will we see of you - dur-
ring the year?

Uncle James - almost
got wrecked going over -

While I think of it -
Cousin Jennie says, in
her last letter - to me -

"Will the dear boy Hart-
come home this vacation?

Sister says. when she is
in Rye - he must come
& stay over Sunday -
with them."

How is poor Gen?

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thin" - so that my mitten
less hands - sort of little
of thier covering.

Mamma is up - and feels
a great deal better.

9 P.M. We have just been out
walking - on the crust - a
most lovely night.

Bolli is at the Falls -
for a visit - of 3 or 4 days.

You have not answered
my questions - on nose bleed -
and I wish you would
hurry up & do it - If you

are going to.

The reason your last
letter - was not directed
to "NW 522" was because

I did not think of it - till
I had put on the 42 Whit-
ney Ave.

About 10 miles from
here - are several cases
of Scarlatina, and
there is a general
excitement.

Good night

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Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

Apr. 10th 1876.

My Dear Brother -

We have been expecting - looking for - and being disappointed - in not getting - a letter from you - ever since your telegraph came - If you could but have imagined - how much we have worried - about you - you no doubt - would have written - and relieved our anxiety - long ago -

Knoxie - has been home - for a few days - [he came back Friday - noon - and went away Monday - morning - - having no lessons - his object in coming - was to play for a Festival - at Saltsville -

blintie is to start for Pokepsie - tomorrow -

Papa and bolie - going as far as Utica -

to attend Cousin Wallace Collins -
funeral -

Cousin Jennie is coming home
to-night -

Oris has begun singing - again -

Poor Dear Jennings! how much he
has to suffer! and how patiently he
bears it -

Papa has been reading aloud -
"Drapers - Civil War" and it is inter-
sely - interesting -

Please give my love to each -
and all -

Ever your most aff -
and waiting

Sister -

F. A. Williams.

Home.

Apr. 31st! 1876.

My Dear Hartie.

Your Portals, came
Saturday - and we were
very glad to hear you had
safely reached Boston.

I suppose Mamma has
written you from N. Y.
where she arrived, Thursday
night.

Papa has gone to
Utica, to spend the day.

We have had 3 additions,
to our family, since I
last wrote you, and one
of them, is about to die, if
it has not already - and
one, I am going to raise.

Frank, is well, and
fisky, Heese bunted, him, and

his mother, and me, so
that we had to shut him
up.

The snow is melt-
ing rapidly, altho yester-
day about 3 inches of snow
fell, it is almost all
of it is gone, now.

I bring in the eggs,
and Papa gives me 13
cents, a dozen.

The other day,
Kit rolled right over, on
to Tommy, when he was
going for the mail.

I expect I can
have a ride - This week.

How is Jerrying?
Miss Ella, wrote Mamma,
when you were away, that
he was better. and I hope
he may keep gaining, all

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to W. Of. to go around with
Dr Seurself, and talk with
him, about medicine,
last week.

Knoxie is at
Lowville.

Please give my
Love to Mrs Deyon, Miss
Ella, and Gen.

Ever your aff.
Sister.
Florence Angus

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

May. 11th 1876.

Dear Hartman-

Of course this is my weekly letter - and I hope, you and your family - will be comforted by it - for the loss of the dear little rats of which I heard - what dear little pets - they must be - and I thank you - ever so much - for them - I suppose Maria knows what rat-ions to give them -

The grass is very green - and the spring flowers - are lovely.

We have been getting on ready to plant peas - to day - I know - tried to plough - but he was out of luck - and we had to use poor Rit instead of bank er - Frisk grows - nicely -

Do black birds - harm robins - properly?

Out of 13 eggs - two little chicks
came off yesterday -

These go will I hope taste
better - than his head feels -

How is poor dear Germaine? I hope
he may grow better - all the time - and
that his trip to N. Y. will do him - more
good - than harm -

Please give my love to
each - and all -

Ever your aff sister -

Florence -

P. S.

I'm getting dark - or I would
write more -

L. A. M.

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

May. 24th. 1876.

Dear Brother Hartie-

Since I last wrote you. Mamma-
and the little Rats- have arrived- in
safety- and the rats- are so cunning-
rights- we keep them in a tin cage-
and daytime- they stay a little of every-
where-

When Mamma- was in New York.
she got a lovely carpet- for our room- and
so now- we have made some curtains- and
turned the furniture- from red- to blue- and
it looks real nice-

The leaves- are all coming out- and
the grass- is very green- and we have had two
or three days- that it did not rain-

How nice it is that germings- is impro

ming! The Doctor thinks he will live now - does
not he?

Mama's cold - is better - but mine
is worse - and I feel miserable

But I must stop now - as Mama
wants to write -

Give my love to each and all -

Ever Your Loving

Sister Florence -

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. D.,

June 2. Friday 1876.

Dear Hartie-

Last Thursday - 8 copies of you came - and every time I look at them - I expect to hear you speak -

I am almost exterminated by Mosquitoes - and roasted by 80° of heat - in the shade - so you must not expect either a long or interesting - letter -

I am so glad Gen. is so much better - and hope he will gain strength and health - all the time -

What I have said - is not worth pursuing 3rd - On - but I can't write any more -

So - with love to all -

Ever your aff Sister

Florence C. Merriam.

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Sept 9th 1876.

Dearest Brother Hartie -
As Cousin Jennie says -

"Words cannot express how
lonerome we have been -
since you have been gone -
but as the last of your
always welcome letters - states
has been the case so far -
in regard to your health
continues. it will help to
reconcile us - to your being
away -

You can't think how

glad I. (to say nothing about
the rest.) was. when I found your
letter - on my plate - last evening
at dinner - (Mamma and I
had driven to Turin - in the way
(leaving Uncle & Charles at Col-
inville) and did not return -
till afternoon -

We went to
call on Miss Bellow - but she
had been gone for a week.)

Mamma says - to write a
Postcard - immediately on receipt
of this - giving us Louisin Julia's
address.

This morn - Thomas - Jennie -
and the girls - went on a Melk-
picnic - at which - they found -
Jennie - and her people - and as
Magg - had not been able to sleep -
any more - she went home -

Good night - and
God bless you - darling -
Ever lovingly -
F A W.

P. S. I have said Anthonis - every
other day - and am at circulation - ^{low of D.} ^{seems low}
The shades of night are falling. L M
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We are going
to have
the girls
all alone
in the house
Ever with
Love -
Hannah -
Elizabeth -

My Precious Hartie.

If you could only be here.
from the time the mail. (which
contains a letter from you.) comes.
till after the aforesaid letter. is
read. and we and hear all that
is going on. it would give
you some idea. of much we love
you. and how much we prize
your letters. First you
would hear. as we were opening the
bag. "There is probably a letter
from Hart this way." "Mama. I hope
so. Dear boy." "F. C. W. "He is a good
boy. and I hated to have him go away"
"Dada. "A very splendid boy. that
up so in his studies. so." "Mrs. J. J. D.
and finally when the letter was
produced. "Oh good. in as glad -
the Darling." "F. C. W. then the let-
ter is read. and reread. and commu-

Homewood.

Sept 29th 1876.

P.S. Papa got two little bottles of Mrs. Price - and one in the woods.

Now I did not write all this to spoil you Hartie. but just to show you that you are appreciated.

When your last letter came. after it had been read. it was even hinted that some day the hall where your friend Prof Hurley. located so splendidly. would "be too small" to hold the expectant audience. of "Prof C. Hart Merriam." and "\$5" for the course. would be eagerly grabbed at.

Papa is perhaps. to return to-night.

Miss Julia now thinks of being dislaped. on the 30th of October. so possibly Mama and I. will go to N. Y. next week.

Collins. is considerably better. but has given up the Centinial. till the 1st of November. at least.

Mama and I. spent two nights. at the Falls. this week.

How was "Dear Susanna." when you last

We had them several days. but one night they followed S. R.

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The plants are in the little room -

heard?

I have told Miss Ella. I received
her good kind letter. and will answer
it soon.

The last time I wrote you.
I said I recited anatomy. every
other day. as it has continued.
anatomy one day Geography. the
next.

Kit is a good deal better.
When this letter reaches you
I suppose you will be moved.
How is Gen?

Is Mrs Dayan. with you yet?
the last we heard from her. she
was some better.

Perhaps Knox will go to Louisville
to work for Mr Mc Culloch.
in his bank. Mr Dayan. was
very kind. in introducing them
but Papa had told Mr W. C.
he thought Knox would not physi-
cally be able to do the work. so that
was quite a stone in the way.

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Mrs Sutton is going to the Centennial - so can not come here - she is still here -

If he does not get that place - he will try to get the little school on Leyden Hill - to teach - and in that way - earn enough to enable him to take lesson on the violin - from a Professor in Vienna. Aunt Sarah - is going to meet us for a day or so - at the Centennial she thinks -

All of Cousin Annan's family - go to the Centennial - about the same time - we do. Cousin Jennie - thinks of going with them -

When you write to Miss Hoag - please give her my love - and tell her - I have ever so many leaves - ready to send her by Miss Julia -

Mama sends love. Please give my love to Miss Ella & Gen. keeping a great share for your own dear self - I have just asked Cousin for "Do you want to send your love to Hart?" Ans. "O Yes indeed - plenty of it - and tell him - I wish I could see him -

We are going to have the girls all alone - in the house. One with Love - Florence - & Agatha. My Precious Hart. If you from the time contains a letter till after the read - and all is going on - you some idea - you - and how your letters - would hear - a bagg. "There from Hart this so. Dear boy -" For boy - and I had Papa. "A very up so in his and finally what produced. "Oh the Darling -" For is read - and

Homerwood.

Oct 30th 1878.

Dear Brother Hart.

We are daily expecting a letter from you solving the mystery. Why you should have left us in suspense about Dear Miss Ella. ^{as long} if she ~~was~~ all right from the time your letter reached us. (Yesterday) till the time your reply to the telegram was received. (Sunday A.M.) Mama hardly had any sleep. much less rest of mind. she was so afraid of what might follow. knowing Miss Ella to be so delicate. and then being disappointed ^{by not hearing} each day made her fears still greater. for would not Hart write were we any better? But knowing now we are very thankful and pray she may continue ^{us}

all right.

Poor Gen. does he
feel no better? Give him my
love. and tell him to cheer
up. as his Dear Mother
is but asleep in Jesus. and
much happier now. than she
ever could be on earth. and
some day in God's good time.
he may join her (if he chooses)
in Heaven.

Clinton came
back last Saturday. or Friday.
and looks quite like a man.
with side whiskers. and acts
quite like one too. in regard
to Uncle Charley.

The trees have almost all
of them shed their leaves.
and on Long Hill there are sev-
eral inches of snow.

Papa is to speak part of the
week. but does not know where
as yet.

Ever with a great
deal of Love for Poor Miss Ella. Ever yours
J. W. M.

Homewood.

Dec. 1st / 1876.

My Precious Brother Hart.

I was delighted to get your dear letter. and would have answered it long ago. but Miss Higgs. had sent me her photograph. a week or three ago. and I had not acknowl- edged it. and as for your Uncle Gustavus. with eggs rattles and legs all mixed up together. had also been neglected. also. Mama had written after your last was rec'd. and yesterday. was Thanksgiving. so I thought it would be best. to wait until to-day. in order to let you know. how yesterday. was spent. by this branch of your "family".

Sister Flo. invited us. to spend
the day with them. but we
did not. In the night
the thermometer stood 10° below
zero. Papa. Marra. Mag. and I went
to Constableville church. in
the fancy sleigh. and heard
a very good sermon. from Mr
Lunnell. We did not freeze.
About an hour. after our return.
I went after Aunt Helen. and
Knox. with Kit. and the
cutter. Clint soon followed
us. At S. J. W. we dined.
on roast turkey. potatoes
boiled Onions. Cranberries
and Apple collage punch.
after dinner. Clint played
part of a game of Billiards.
with Papa. after which he had
to go and fulfill an engagement
with Minnie Munn.

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The remainder of the evening
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ing. and about 9. o'clock departed.

Tapa received a letter from
Knick Wallace - a ^{day} or so ago -
from which I quote the follow-
ing. "At the funeral (Mrs
Chase's) was my first sight of
Gusie. since last June. & to say
I was shocked - is no expression
of my feelings. If he lives 6 days
I shall be glad."

Kit is to be left all winter
without shoes. she is scarcely
a bit lame now.

With a great deal of
Love to Miss Ella - Gen. and
your dear self.

Flourence.

P.S. Ma-ma wants to write on the rest
of the paper. See Miss E. and J. coming
home Christmas? J. S. M.

My dear Aunt - I would like a copy
of Todd's Index Review to give to
at Christmas - Can you procure
one in N. Haven or N. York &
bring it with you - If so - please
to affix a little cross to the
signature of your next letter
thus - + - if you cannot - please
just add to your name
a minus - thus C. H. M -
Do not forget - for if you can't
get it I'll write Cog J. to do
so - but she is now taking
care of Mrs Davis who is very
ill so I don't wish to trouble
her unnecessarily -

I have arranged to have Togo down
to Aunt H's before Christmas - I think her
animal to dissect, to leave
all the care of her favorite
standing - but you could have been
with us yesterday - Mrs Davis
comes to - morning to stay till
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Jan 5th. 1877

My Precious Brother Harli.

This morning we received
your looked-for postal
and were very glad to hear
that you reached New York
in safety.

I will not tell you
how many weeks it seems
since you ^{left} us. nor how
dreary has been the lonely
or how lonely - feeling -
which pervades the house
and everything which reminds
us of you.

I have been very busy. since you
left us. trying ^{to} make the time
pass more swiftly. In the morning
I have been occupied with study-
ing. and reciting. Geography.
Arithmetic. ^{and} Spelling. and read-
ing Hitchcock's Anatomy. also
having my Music lesson. and
as much of my hour's practice
as I can get in. In the after-
noon. I finish practice. go to
see Grandma. write letters.
and read Bhavartha. Is it
not beautiful? To-day I
have finished it. and will
^{take up}

Surya on next. I guess.

Next week I am to try
studying all day. and having
Saturday as a holiday.

adding for afternoon study.
Latin and History. and if we
find time for more. French.

How nice it would be. if we
could be in two places at once!
but as we cannot. I must be content
and wait as patiently. as I can.
till I see you again.

To-day cousin J. J. B. and I.
went (with Kit. and the cutter)
to see Grandma. her eyes
pain her constantly. as she
has to read. to keep from going
mad. she says.

Loftis. has been there. for several
days.

Papa and I. keep the
snow shoe path open. between
here. and there.

Fairy is as well as ever now.
Orie has to come out. quite often.

I received a letter from Uncle
Charles yesterday - also from
Edith - and a Washington
paper - from Mrs Rines. I think
but do not know - as there was
nothing marked - and no
name.

Bessie Jennie says -

"Give my love to Hart - and tell
him - I hope I may congratulate
his fund - on ^{having} received his appoint-
ment." and I forgot to say -
she told me to tell you that
"He ^(you) will never know how
much we miss him."

Please give my love Miss
Ella. and Gen.

Remember me kindly
to the Dr. and tell him. I
think he
might beat me at Billiards -
very easily now.

to your attached

Sister.

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My best love to

Dear Miss Ella.

and all.

Ever yours

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Homerwood.

Jan 7th 1877.

My Dearest Brother Hartie.

Yesterday came your kind postal. to me. and I assure you. I was glad enough. to get it.

To-day we were intending to go to church. but it snowed so much. as to make it foolish to attempt going.

For the first time since you went away. this morning I could not see our snow shoe path.

At Sunday School. we had quite a good many - for a stormy day. - 25.

Friday evening. as soon as

Papa came home from Lowell.
he handed Cousin Fannie the
Lowell Times. asking her to
read the article - which was marked
in the copy he sent to you. "F. L."
has proved on investigation - to be
the oldest of those two strange women
who were at the xmas tree. Her
name is Fannie Lewis. Lewis being
the name of her first husband -
she takes it - as she is divorced -
from her second.

Thomas and Jim. are to
come over to night - for a sermon -
and singing.

How is the Da? and was he
sorry that he wore his Water down?

We are all pretty well.

I must stop for to night - will
write more - in a day or so.

Ever your devoted and loving
Sister Anne.

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Sister Florence.

Tuesday evening.

My Precious Darling.

I should have written something
more yesterday. but. I did not like
to make my letter as forlorn and
lonesome. as it would have been. had
I penned anything. to you then.

This morning came a letter
from Uncle James.

Mr. Sheldon's daughter. has died.
I suppose you heard while in N. Y.
about Mr. Drake's. breaking his hip.

Yesterday it snowed. almost
all day. and there is quite a
wall. all around the piazza.

This afternoon. Papa and I
went to see Grandma. and she
was reading the paper. by ^{the} ~~light~~
so you see she cannot expect
to have good eyes.

Last night. I read "Enoch
Shadrach" aloud to the girls. They
want to go home this week. but

have not decided quite what to do.
yet.

Yesterday. and to-day. Cousin
Fannie and I. beat Papa. about 20 or 30.
^{at Dillards} counts. and he did not give us anything!

Papa is going to New York Thursday.
I suppose we will get a letter from you.
tomorrow. and will it not be nice?

Did the Doctor get his appointment?
we are all very anxious to hear.

Blint was to get his deer heads.
yesterday. and he says. he cannot mount
them. in 3 days! but I do not believe
it.

Saturday. Mother Lofts.
returned home.

Knob has had his shoe fixed
(raised.). and he says he likes
it much better.

Cousin Fannie says. ^{"tell him"} and Jim
is burning bright and everything
cheerful. but it would be a great
deal brighter. if he was here. "my
love to him of course." "Oh! I'll do
give my love. to his dear friend. Miss Ella."
Mamma sends "lots of love. and wants

To know what you want done with the skeleton. you left on
the kitchen stove? and if you would like the camp forwarded. to

have not decided quite what to do yet.

Yesterday and to-day. Cousin Emma and J. West O'Leary. about 20 or 30. at District, and he did not give us anything! counts, and he did not give us anything!

O'Leary is going to New York Sunday. I suppose he will get a letter from you. tomorrow. and will it not be nice?

Did the Doctor get his appointment? we are all very anxious to hear.

He is now to get his three books. yesterday. and the way. the countenance of him. in 3 days! but I do not believe it.

Saturday. Mother of the returned home.

After he had his shoe fixed (mended). and the way he likes it much better.

"tell him" Cousin Emma says. "and this is burning bright and every thing changed. but it would be a great deal brighter. if he was here." "my love to him of course." "oh that it were my love. to his dear friend. Miss Ella!" "Emma and I at last. and want to

to know what you want done with the skeleton. you left on the kitchen stove? and if you would like the soup forwarded. to New Haven.

My best love to dear Miss Ella. and all.

Ever yours affectionately but
M Sister.
Louise.

Enclosed.

Jan 7th 1877

My Dearest Brother Charlie.

Yesterday. came your kind postal. to me. and I answer you.

I was glad enough to get it.

To-day we were intending to go to church. but it seemed

so much. as to make it foolish to attempt going.

For the first time since you went away. this morning

I could not see our snow shoe path.

at the Sunday School. we had quite a good morning - for a

stormy day - 25.

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Love to Miss Ella.

Home.

Jan 11th / 1877.

My Darling Old Hartie.

Your. oh so welcome letter. came yesterday. and we were all delighted to hear from you. It seems so nice. to have your letter to me. a great deal nicer. than when it comes to anybody else.

Mamma wanted me to send you the piece cut of the newspaper. that she could not get into her letter. You will find it enclosed. Also a letter. which you will please hand to the Dr. as I do not know his address. and then I wanted to write a little to you.

Dad left this morning. Has not the Dr. very kind. He has sent me two. just lovely books by Miss Ron Porter.

Mamma says. "Dad and I pay the Dr. for the medicine. he sent for anti Scler. All well. With love

your love. but most affectionate sister Florence

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Snorry Home.
 Jan 14th 4 P.M. 1877.

My Darling Brother Hartie.

Does he know how much I love him?
 is the question. I often ask myself - as
 I think of you. so far away - and yet
 so continually in my mind. if you
 do. just multiply it. by the largest
 number you can think of - and you
 will have a small proportion of the
 love bestowed on you by Jesus Christ.

I think you it is right in you. not
 to ^{do} "Something for Jesus." what can
 you do for him? you may ask. give him
 yourself. your love. your strength. and
 energies.

What evidence
 have you. that the Bible. is not true?
 or that the world made its self?

I have inferred that ^{you} thought. you
 had evidence. enough to make them
 hypothesis. certain. from the way

in which you talk of religious things.
but I may be mistaken - as you generally
keep to yourself - all your beliefs -

But Hattie Dear - why will you not give
yourself - to God - and believe on Him - and
through His Son - be saved? and then if
ever in your life - you find sufficient
reason to give up that belief - (after you
have been really - a Christian -) then I will
be willing - and desirous - (if you can find
a better - more loving - more patient - and
long suffering - God -) to have you leave
Christ - who hath died for you - and go
to one greater - if you can find any such
^{an} one.

If you knew of the peace -
which one receives - after trusting in Christ
Jesus - you would surely not delay - to come
to him - "If any man sin - he hath
an Advocate with the Father - even Jesus
Christ - the Righteous."

Think on these things - Hattie - and do
not let the world - or wicked people -
draw you away from Him - who if
you only believe on His Son - will give
you everlasting life -

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I had a postal. from Papa. yesterday -
he says he arrived in New York. on time.
the morning he left. came a postal. from
Mr. Parsons. saying the car may not
come off. till the latter part. of the month!
but Papa's being there. may hurry the
car. possibly. He hopes. if he finds
he has any time. he will spend it
with you. but then. no one. can
ever tell. what he will do.

Was very sorry to hear that Gen. is
not well. but hope he is much better. before
this.

How is Miss Ella? please give her
my best love.

When you see the Dr.
please remember ~~him~~ kindly to him. and
tell him. that I am enjoying the books
he so kindly sent me. ever and ever so
much. and that I read in them. when
ever I get a chance.

How nice he is. we
were all delighted. with him. and ^{hope} to
meet him again. some time.

Cousin Jennie says she is ever so
much obliged for the medicine. and will

miles to you
in noon.

8.25. P.M.

The snow. is between 4. and 5. feet
deep. I guess.

Everybody - and everything -
is well. (around here) as far as I know.

When ^{we} went to Sunday School. there
was ^{no} track. farther south. than Lollie
Willis - but Estie Laris - from McDowell -
walked up! and arrived satisfied -
with or rather felt repaid for her trouble.

We have been having a very beautiful
sun. this evening - about the Good Ship
and.

Oh how I wish you were here. Hattie.
I get so desperately lonesome - sometimes -
that I feel as if I must fly ^{right} to New Haven.
to see you. if only for a little while.

Do you suppose you will come home - by
next May? or June? please let me know -
so that I can be looking forward to it.

Kent's ear has been much better -
ever since you went away.

Mag. - went home Saturday - and found
Rowlands. is here - to help about.

Both pumps. have given out - and it is
melting snow. and carrying water - from
morning. till night.

Please give my love to
Mama and Lavin Jennie - and Lora.

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Everybody - and everything - is well. (as usual here) as far as I know.

When I went to Sunday School. there was ^{no} track - farther south. than Colli-
Willow - but Katie & I - from McAdams - walked up! and arrived satisfied - with or rather satisfied for the trouble.

We have been hearing a very beautiful sermon. this evening - about the Good Shepherd.

O & Tom I wish you were here. Katie I get so desperately homesome - sometimes - that I feel as if I must fly ^{right} to Her Haven. to see you - if only for a little while.

Do you suppose you will come home - by next May? or June? please let me know - as that I can be looking forward to it. Katie is as ever much better.

and since you went away.

May - went home Sunday - and found Donlands is here - to help studies.

With friends - have given out - and it is melting now - and carrying water - from morning - till night.

Please give my love to

Dear Miss Ella.

and pen -

Ever Yours
Loving Affectionate
and attached.

Nothing - of a
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Flourish.

Augusta.

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Jan 14th 4.0 P.M. 1877.

My Darling Brother Katie.

Does he know how much I love him? is the question. I often ask myself - as I think of you. so far away - and yet so continually in my mind. if you do. just multiply it. by the largest number you can think of - and you will have a small proportion of the love bestowed on you by Jesus Christ. I think you it is right in you. not to "something for Jesus." I what can you do for him? you may ask - give him yourself. your love - your strength. and energies. that indeed have you. that the Bible is not true? or that the world made its self? I have suspected that ^{you} thought - you had mislead - enough to make their hypothesis - certain. from the way

Mama and Cousin Jennie. and love.

Flora told me saying Mr Jackson - of Born-
ville. and ^{me} having my lessons to get. etc.)
that ^{not} ^{mean} ^{and} until I was taken sick. did I
have time scarcely - to think. and
Sunday. (the first day. I was up all
day. after Thursday.) I was so busy -
getting my lesson. and going to S. L.
and all. that really I have not had
time till - to-day.

So you see Dar-
ling. it was not because. I loved you
or thought of you less. but because
I did have enough. of that neces-
sary article - Time -

While I think of it. that concern.
what ever it was. on Mrs L. Miller's
eye. has vanished. by the use of some
medicine. Dr Doothe gave her -

Lazarus. (that is what Grandma
calls. the baby boy.) is doing very
well. for such a mite of a new member
of the "Sumner family."

He is quite
fatly. Has a very lofty fore head.
and to cap the climax. his father. just

worships him.

You are doing your countrymen a great favor. I think whenever you direct a Spitz dog. They are such dangerous creatures. to have around.

I did not think to tell you. when I wrote last. that our march. for your glove. was a failure. but am glad to hear you have found it. as they are very necessary things. to have. this cold weather.

Our January thaw. has not come yet. and our water has to come from the barn. and melted snow.

Kit is well.

The roads are very good.

Knorr shoe. has not made his enough. so that when his school closes. (which will be this week.) he is going to Lovvill to have a higher one made out of cork.

The medicine Dr sent to Hunt Helen. has helped her tongue. a good deal.

Papa came home. Saturday morning. and found me in bed. with a head cold. I am much better now. altho by no means well.

Mama says she will look for the papers. you wish. to-morrow.

If you decide ^{not} to go abroad. just yet. and nothing happens. to prevent. I may propose something (with a great many "ifs" and "ands") to you. before you come home next week.

Can't you kill those horrid old Dutch "Dicks"?

Don't you suppose Deane. you could get time to write home. more than once a week? It seems so long to wait. from one Wednesday. to the next. sometimes I think. I can scarcely wait. too long. but must take the next train for New Haven. for to me. New Haven means you. first. and then Dear Miss Ella. and after her. all the rest whom I know there.

What should we do. if it were not for Hope? When you leave us. it seems to me. that I could not bear the grief of parting. with you. if it were not for the thought. of our next meeting. which seems just

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Mama says she will look for the paper. you wish. to-morrow.

If you decide ^{not} to go abroad. just yet. and nothing happens. to prevent. I may for something (with a great many "ifs" and "ands".) to you. before you come home next b.

Can't you kill those horrid old Dutcher Dicks?

Don't you suppose David. you could get time to write home. more than once a week? It seems so long to wait. from one Wednesday. to the next. sometimes I think. I can scarcely wait. so long. but must take the next train for New Haven. for to me. New Haven means you. first. and then Dear Miss Ella. and after her. all the rest whom I know there.

What should we do. if it were not for Hope? When you leave us. it seems to me. that I could not bear the grief of parting. with you. if it were not for the thought. of our next meeting. which seems just

life. in my spot. in my evening. Mama has been Rowlands. and I write Christina and Spelling. very

Please give my love to dear Miss Ella. and for-
get to remember me
gratefully and kindly
to this Dr. when
you see him.

Clinton dear heads.

Look very nicely indeed.

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I am still enjoying the
reading of the
books. Do so kindly

write me.
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der to have
finished with
they are so nice.

Good night
Sally. I will try
to write soon again.

Jan 23rd 1877.

My Precious Brother Hartie.

This morning we were delighted to get your dear good letter. It is so good in you. to write to me. once in a while.

You can not appreciate it. being where you are the one written to. but I guess you would. if you were situated as I am.

Although men. are so different from girls.

I have not deserved. what you said to me. about writing so often. This week at least.

But I will tell you how. it happened. that a week. and 2 days. have passed. since I wrote to you last.

When I wrote Sunday. I intended to write Monday. after your weekly letter came. and after it did come. so much happened. (The baby's coming. its clothes to be made.

Love from your sister. I have not been able to write to you for some time. I have been so busy.

Heads we is better
Chlorine is a fine and common

The roads are quite good. At night the moon showing plentiful
They are going to. (at least they want to) call the baby.
Charles Augustus Merriam. What will Aunt B. say?
I wrote in my Index Numm. last week about the Compeer.
Painting and Gunpowder. and I intend to write about
the Microscope. as soon as I have time.
Every thing is well. and my cold is better
Now my old darling. please don't think. I am all the time
picking you for faults. to pieces. because I do not fly
to. but I do it in my love for you. and with this
stature. I will begin my "certain letter". Do you think
you feel towards Collier. as a brother ought to?
I think you used to. but lately. for a year or so. you have

received a charming letter from Miss Ella
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summed rather indifferent. as though you had not much
to do. with each other. and did not ^{care} any more for him. than
any one else. I may be mistaken. but judging
from your very infrequent letters to him. and other
"little things" it summed to me. you were not on the
best of terms. as brothers. ought to be. You may say
these are very little things. and do not make any differ-
ence. in the long run. if so. (unless I am very much
mistaken) you are wrong here. These things. small
as they may ~~seem~~ tend very strongly to separate brothers
and make them indifferent. whereas they ought to
be so attached. that only God. can be said to "stick
closer." than them. I do not want to separate.

Received a charming letter from Miss Ella
and answered it soon.

My dear Mr. May

Our family is not so large. but what we can afford
to be a great deal - to each other - and so make life
even happier - and shorter - to us all. Please
dear Hattie - do not feel offended at all this. because
I do it ^{of} love - for both of you.

It is quite mild to-day - 32° above - and it is
beginning to rain - a little now.

Please let us know as soon as you know anything
definite - about your being able to go on the trip - you
spoke of. It would be grand for you - but -
What a wicked girl - I am. I must not be so selfish -

Oh Hattie - Hattie! you will never know how
much I miss you - nor how many tears I shed over you -

You said in your last
letter that you missed
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Papa wants Tom and Mary to be a good boy -

Papa reads down and says to be a good boy -

Our family is not so large. but what we can afford
to be a great deal. to each other. and to make life
as happy as possible. and shorter. to us all.
Hattie. do not feel offended. at all this. because
to do it ^{at} ~~and~~ ^{for} - the both of you.

It is quite mild today - 32° above. and it is

you said in your last letter. that you missed

beginning to rain. a little now.

Please let us know as soon as you know anything
definite. about your being able to go on the trip. you
spoke of. It would be grand for you - but -

What a wicked April. I am. I must not be so selfish.

O! Hattie. Hattie! you will never know how
much I miss you. nor how many stars I look on you.

so large. but what we can afford
to each other. and so make life
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I am. I must not be so selfish.
But! you will never know how
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I am.

My Dearest Brother
But I must
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to night.
Give me
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much love
to dearst Min
Ellen. and you.

Since I wrote you last. (Thursday morning.)
I have been very busy.

quite a good deal has happened. for quiet home-
at least. Wednesday morning. Still

the and nothing came up. and I laid till Thursday

morning. They are quite well. with the exception

of some sore throat. and make eyes on the part of looking

This at 1 P.M. for permit. Sept for 17. 4. as she was

anxious to tell her Mother Mine about it

was no height. She will probably. be back by next

Friday or Saturday.

Remember me
most kindly
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Good night.
Darling.
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Laurel Grove N.Y.

Jan 28th 1877.

My Dearest and Darlingest Brother Harriet.

Although I wrote to you only yesterday afternoon. I felt as though I must write again to-night. even if I did not finish my letter for a day. or so.

Wednesday. 4 P.M.

Sunday night. just as I had written the above. I remarked my right hand little finger. and so could not very well ~~write~~ write. as it pained me. and then the next morn. it was clumsy. It is much better

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now. and Grandma says she does not think the nail
will come off. as I had feared at first.

Your good letter came yesterday morn. and we
were very glad to hear that the Dr. secured the ap-
pointment. he wishes so. Please give him
my congratulations. and tell him I hope he may
always have as good success. in obtaining every-
thing he wishes.

This morn. Papa and I went to
Talco Trill. to get some Kerosene. to use and
crackers. ^{Larger} Mr. Williams (from the Falls). has
seen drawing the hay. they made into stacks

last morn.
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the nail last summer. On the land east of Grandma's
and as they are rather large quere or gander. I
should say they put on such heavy loads that
they wamped 2 loads right in the middle
the road so that some one had to shovel a
place around them so that people could
pass without tripping over more than a dozen
times if they were careful. Otherwise
the road is splendid so that you can trot
all the way from Gayden Hill to L.ville
yesterday. Papa went to Constableville.
but he says the road is not nearly as good that way

The bird-cat-dog. horses. cows. sheep. Peacocks.
chickens - ladies - and people - are well.

It is much milder - to-day. and I guess we
are going to have one pan. than snow.

You did not say anything about the 2 y's.
at position. you spoke of before. Is anything
decided about it? and is any one you know
going? I should think Dr H. would jump
at the chance. but I don't know hears -

How is Miss Eliza? she did not mention her
health - in her letter to me.

I must stop now - as it is getting dark.

My Dearest and
day afternoon -
again to night
for a day. or a
Sunday night.
rest my right hand
will ~~write~~ write.
and wash it.

Yours
H. H.
and some other
H. H.

Home.

Feb. 9th. 1877.

My dear old brother Hartie.

Yesterday morning's mail brought your good letter to me! I was ever so glad to get it. partly because I

is lovely. was worried about its not coming before. I thought perhaps you were not well. and possibly. that I had provoked you.

by asking you to write twice a week. The former however. I thought most probable. as you have been such a naughty boy. as to sit up so late night. since you went back to New Haven.

I if you would make it a rule. not to work so hard. I guess you would find you knew about as much. and had much better health.

I am sorry to provoke your righteous indignation -
but really I must use up this paper - There is not much
more left though - so try and not boil over about it again.

I am sorry if my letters are getting so ambiguous. That
you cannot understand them - "and staid till Thursday"
means. that Collins and Sister Eliza - came up Wednesday -
and "staid till Thursday" morning. and then went home.

Now do you understand?

The court is splendid. and I wish you could
be here - to slide down hill with me every morning -

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suppose - they could have moved? You know the house was

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Is there any possibility of your going on the trip that you had hoped to?

Grandma wanted me to give you her love when I wrote so here it is.

Please give my love to dear Miss Ella and Jan. and encourage me kindly to the Do. when you see him.

Aunt Helen and Knos. were up here last night. and is quite surprising to see how much straighter Knos has grown since he has been wearing a biogher boot.

Aunt N. is much better herself. so much so. that she eat as well as she ever did. she says. and her throat

is much better.

... Fred is going to Utica (when the snow
goes off) every week - to take Violin lessons - of a Mr
LaFont: Clint is going to Pokopscu -
in April -

We are very well and the weather is lovely - was wonderful
Must stop now - as dinner is ready -
Ever Your Aff. Sister -
S. M.

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Will send
it when I
find time.
Love
from
your
sincerely
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Yesterday S. M. Papa Mama and I with J.
to drive. went down to the Falls. to find Sister Flo at Constable.
village. and Collins in the woods with Mr. Deane. How we re-
mained till they returned. which was about lunch time.
Collins is looking miserably. He has a hard cold. and
has been out to see Dr. Deybois. (don't laugh at the way
to spell it. I have not the faintest idea. if it is the right
way.) which is about as bad as two colds. and a fever!
Last eve. Papa and I. went to Lynden Hill. after the

Locust Grove. N. Y.
Dec. 11. 1877.
Sincerely
D.

Papa on shore shore - and I on the coast.

We have not heard from Log of B. but once since she has been gone. (two weeks) and that - she ^{1 day} after she got to N. Y. - and we are afraid she is sick.

Papa and Mama. went to Church this morn.
but as they went in the cutter - I staid at home.

Papa feels almost sure Hayes & Wheeler are elected.
from what the papers have said - for the last few days.

I had to hear that Miss Ella and Ben are better.

Yesterday forenoon: Grandma could hardly eat at all. but
she bathed her eyes with salt and water - and to-day they
are better -

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Knorr's boots have come. and fit him nicely.

Have been having splendid weather - all the past week and although it was foggy this morning - it has cleared off beautifully now - and I think we have a fair prospect of having another week of good weather.

My Darling.

Tuesday etc. the 1st

I did not write any thing to you last night as Mr. Dagan was here and he comes so seldom - we want to visit with him all we can when he does come - He came in this morning and went away this A.M. and during the ride down (Papa drove him to the Fair) he gave me one of his ears - (it was about 12° above - & the wind blew)

was it not to last?

Mr D. said he had not heard from the Haven. often since his return. and seemed quite worried about it.

He says he should not be surprised if the Dr. would come up here next summer. wouldn't that be "leashes and cream"! Miss Ella. you. the Dr. and Gen. all as near why. it almost makes me happy to think of it!

This nice mail brought you welcome postal. and a short note from boy J. J. D. who says not a word about coming home. only that he has not sold W. H. and it is way down now. you know.

Mamma and Papa. have gone over to the Miller's to tea. where they were to meet L. and Sister E. and

so you see
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gray.)
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Dear Love

[illegible]

I am all alone in my group. Give
 my love to Mrs. and
 daughter. I remember me most
 kindly to the Dr. when you
 see him. I would
 have sent you a photo
 of Papa to-
 night - but
 did not find
 yours. Will send
 it when I
 find time.
 Feb. 11. 1899.
 Yours &c.
 J.

Homewood.
Feb. 18th 1877.

My Precious Brother Harrie.

Let me see. I wrote to you last on Thursday. I think only 7 days. but I wanted to write to you so here I am. beginning a letter which if it is like the way I feel at present will be. very stupid.

Yesterday I was foolish enough to go and catch cold. and bring a little filous. I am shut up on one of the coldest winter days. you can imagine. A cloudless sky. a little wind. and good crust.

This A.M. The mail contained a "Charter, Constitution.

and Dr. Lam. "Of the ^{N.Y.} Academy of Science? also your
"Anglo American Telescope Co." which Papa says
comes once a year. Do you wish the latter sent to
you? The mail also contained a letter from
Mrs. Ferris who said. "Dear Fannie, has quite recovered, and
can go about anywhere with the aid of his crutches, and now
that the snow has disappeared, can walk in the street, for several
squares. In about a month, he will be able to have an artific-
~~ial~~ limb, and abandon the crutches. He is still the same
patient child, and now complains that he cannot go
about, as he used to, but takes his walk with evident enjoy-
ment. He has begun to study again, and each forenoon

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he and I have a little bit of schooling. To-day he has gone
in town. (Do you suppose they have more? he does not give her
address - only "Ehikada.") to spend the day, and stay all night.
with my Mother, which is a great treat for him. etc. "We hope
^{that} your brother is well, we always think of him, with thank-
fulness. Give our very kindest regards to him when you write: etc.

Mr. Dagan very kindly complied with our wishes, and sent
us shortly after his return to Lowell. 4 photographs - one
of himself, and one of Mrs. Dagan, which I think did not
do her justice. one of Isaac Miss Ella. quite a good one, and
a fair one of Ben. The three last ones are on my bureau.
where they afford me a course of constant enjoyment - when

I am up stairs. which is quite of fun.

Clint received your "Homo relics." and yesterday when I was down there he showed them to me! I think they are real nice. but you might have left a little more meat on the poor fellow. I think. this cold weather. What did you want to tie up the foot for? Aunt Helen was quite horrified to see me handle the bones. as she thought perhaps the person had died of some disease. which would make them poison. but I told her I was not afraid of them. I wish I might have the opportunity of seeing some dissections. one can learn so much more about Anatomy that way. than through books. Altho it would run rather out of place.

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5.)

for a girl to be cutting up a corpse. I don't think but what if I had a very good chance. ~~but what~~ I should improve it.

Yesterday Anna went home and Margaret came back.

The place where I smashed my nail is still dark with blood. would you make a hole in the nail and let it out?

Grandma is going down (with Clint) to Uncle Wallace's to stay all summer and Papa nor thinks of having that old house (where Johnnie Brooks used to live) between Miss Holt's and Lillie Miller's. (on the other side of the road) moved one back of Aunt Helen's house fitted up & reconstructed and made to open into Aunt Helen's bedroom. If the

parlor. so that when Grandma comes back from Aunt N N's she can go there - and by Aunt N's sleeping in the little bedroom (which is to be turned into Grandma's sleeping room) and Aunt N. having a girl to do the hard work. They get on making all parties concerned much more contented. Perhaps you had better not mention this - yet a while - as it is not decided upon - only cursorily thought of. Aunt N. records the plan. Perhaps you do not see why Grandma cannot stay where she is. There are a great many reasons. The cause of the whole thing is the disgraceful marriage of Aug. 27th 86. For but for that. The unhappy and base - which keeps her awake nights would never have been - and the Allen.

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who takes care of the afousaid bar.
and lets Grandma sleep - unless - and
take care of herself - generally. Besides
being sick - and letting Kati do the cooking -
in such a way as to take all Grand-
ma's appetite - away. might never have
happened. but for that marriage.

But I might go on to enumerate these
things - all day. but suffice it to say -
Grandma cannot live when she is -
in comfort or happiness - as these
plans have been devised for her good.

Papa wishes me to ask you if you
see the scientific articles which are
occasionally in the Times - if not
he says we will send them to you.

Papa and Mama send love
to dear Miss Ella - and you - with kind
remembrances and good wishes for the De.

Homerwood.
Feb 26th 1877.

My Precious Old "Long Envelope" Dear.
Remember my request as to time a week? to not be H. going to send us his photo? We shall be much disappointed if he does not. With much love to Mrs L. & her mother. I guess. I have time - ever
W. A. M.

Your scientific epistle. came Wednesday. and I was glad to get it. altho. I wish you something new. I know that "Mary had a little lamb." ever so long ago. Poor dear Grandma is really a great deal sicker. to-day and we are pretty sure she will pull through now. Friday night. the Dr. (Johnson) told Uncle Charley. that he would not be surprised. if Grandma was dead. when he came in this morning. but a good constitution. and nourish- ing food might bring her through. He said this

first time. kept on Janus. and know. no. but bitter. ends car from into room. must.

you did not say so we hope she ab- my request as to time a week? to not be H. going to send us his photo? We shall be much disappointed if he does not. With much love to Mrs L. & her mother. I guess. I have time - ever

A. M. He thought probably he would be up in three
or 4 days. Yesterday went down to Grandmother's
with Papa & Mama. (The 1st time I had been out for
over a week.) at 3 o'clock the old family Bible and
Bible. 2 volumes of Josephus. Sent out with

her last night. and Mama is going to to night. I guess -
We have had the first real stormy day of the month to-day. that
is as far as cold & wind go.

Louise & P. Beatrice home Tuesday night. and L.
at Sister Flo. came up Wednesday. and stayed till Thurs-
day eve. Collins is a great deal better. since taking
the medicine Dr. Dykstra gave him.

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Mr. Rowlands had blintie lance a felon for her. the other
day. he also pulled a tooth for somebody. ^{eff is beginning}
his professional career. early in life. ^{He has not boiled}
his leg at arm. yet. ^{him} Hunt H. does not wish to do it in the
house on account of the human odor.

8. P. M. Mama has just started on snow shoes with Papa. for Grand-
ma's where she is to watch with G. all night. Papa thought

of sending for auntie Hattie. to come & take care of Grandma.

but she (H.) is so much better now. she decided not to. so the
present at least.

This A. M. when I was
at Grandma's. I made myself generally useful. as

dusting girl. baby's nurse. ect.

The baby for the first time did not begin to cry - as soon as I took him - but slept on quite complacently.

Papa had a letter from uncle James - this A.M. He says "Tell Hart. Have his microscope."

Please remember me ^{kindly} very to the D. when you see him - and tell him he will never be forgotten by the Homeroodians - but we remember with pleasure.

Papa & Mama. send love to all. Cousin F. D. D. sends "love to Hart. and Miss Ella" and says - tell N. "he will hear from me soon" I send love to dear Miss Ella. Hart. et al. Write soon.

Your affectionate sister

Honora Augusta

you did not say so we hope she do - Remember my request My De - was ma - ever - and re - night - I hope the mo - day -

next - ed. The story for the first time.
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who had a letter from Uncle Sam -
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My Dec 10th 1877. I am sorry to hear of your
illness. I hope you will be better soon.
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I am not any - it for. But soon.

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Tomorrow.
Dec 10th 1877.

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Lomewood.
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My Dear Old Brother -
"Three cheers for Hayes and Wheeler." "Hip
Hip hurrah. hurrah. hurrah"! These the words you
might have heard - if you had been here yesterday -
in the morning. When I tried to put up the flag - the
flag rope had caught on the end of the rope - which
helped pull up the pole. and which hitherto we had
been unsuccessful in getting down. All attempts
to disentangle it. were of no avail! so Papa got Frank
Netmore - and Thomas. and they got ladders and

Shomam. by getting on top ends of the ladder - cut
the rope which for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years - had worn the
hole - the appearance of a gallon. Then were
those words - which commence my letter uttered.

Uncle Cla. came last night. and as at Gran-
dina's now - with Papa - deciding I suppose - what
is to be done with Grandma. Who is now able to
sit up all day.

8. P. M. Papa and Uncle Cla. have come back and gone to the
Falls. to spend the night - and as much of the morning as
is necessary.

This P. M. one of father William's sons -
came up with a letter from Collins. and Sister Flo. saying (1st)
that Mrs Simonson was dead. and (2nd) that Sister F.

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had returned home. The night before. But as Sister E. did not
wish Mrs Lyon. to know on account of not feeling very
well. she got C. F. to go to Mr. Hull's to stay until Monday.
when he was to come back. (Mrs E. was to know by that
time) and by persuasion perhaps. he gotten off on the night train.
They requested Papa and uncle Elia. to come down. and
spend the night. Which therefore they have done.

But I have not told you what the result of the visit to
Grandma. Uncle Elia. proposed to her to go to auntie Helen
for a visit of a few days. Hoping that if she once got there
and was contented. she would stay permanently. She was
perfectly willing to do as he said. and all parties were
pleased.

Last Thursday evening. Collins & Sister L. - Mrs. Miller
at Miss Anne Miller. Aunt Helen - Aunt - & Knot - came to
after tea - and spend the evening. We had
a real nice time. L. & Sister L. sang and played. Cousin
J. and I played a duet. and afterwards I played a solo.

I must go to bed. its after 10 P.M. and I am so sleepy.
Good night dear.

Love to Miss L. & J. and kind regards
to Dr. Wm. N. N. when you see him.

Ever with love your affectionate and loving sister.
M. A.

Prof. L. H. M.

Scientific. M.

Ever yours M.

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Homewood.
Feb 11th 1877.

My Dearest Brother.

This is my last sheet of "Long envelope paper".
so take courage.

I was ever so glad to get your good letter
of the 3rd only it was too short.

Our Democrats are feeling about as cheap as
your Van Hook-ones. I was not aware before
that "microscopos" were animals. I supposed that
they belonged to the "Mineral Kingdom". But now
there are many things I have yet to learn.

You must not follow Father's example in talking
in public over an hour.

Papa got a postal from you this A.M. or just
to get a letter to morrow.

I will send by the mail to-night
2 cabinet photos of Papa. He could not find
the one that belongs to you.

I received a nice letter from Genl Spence
this A.M. and one from Mr. Tucker - some time
since.

Papa and Uncle E. succeeded in getting
L. & L. to leave Monday eve. Mrs. L. knew nothing about

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Papa and I went with Uncle Ella to Boonville and while there Mrs C. informed Papa that you were going to marry Miss Ella where she heard it. The mill can tell you better than I.

I will say as regards me. "Nothing could give me more pleasure" for to me Miss Ella is as dear as an own sister. and as long as she cannot be that. I have for a long time wished you would make her the next thing to it. I am another quarter we have had it. almost as good as said. that your attentions were directed to Miss H. sister of the Dr. H. V. H. But whoever who choose for a wife. my

Dear Harriet. I most sincerely hope you will succeed
in getting one - who will be worthy of your dear good
self. But remember the text - "Be not unequally yoked to-
gether - with unbelievers."

Enclosed is an article. cut from the newspaper.
which Papa wants me to send to you.

I am now reading "Across America. and Back"
by Putnam. and I like it - ever so much.

Please give over so much love to Sister Ella. Mary
Joseph and Jim. and kind remembrances to the whole.

Ever with brushes of love your loving

Friend.
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for taking care of that department - or what ever you call it - for Prof. Ward

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^{wives -}
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^{of our}
^{most dear}
^{let - & loving}

Homewood.
March 17. 1877.
D. S. M.

My Dearest Brother Charlie -
This morning your good letter came and we were very glad to get it. You are a naughty boy to keep us in suspense so long. See we were worrying and getting for fear you were sick every since Tuesday morning when the mail came and the question was asked by all of us "Is there a letter from East?" and the dismal answer came "No." you would have thought we were going to a funeral by the expression on our countenances.

Yesterday afternoon when
Mamma and I went to see Grandma we found her crouching close to the fire.

She said she had accidentally fallen as-
leep on the floor and woke so dreadfully
chilly. Between 8 & 9 o'clock in
the evening - uncle Charley - came up to
ask Mama to come down as Grandma was
much worse having been taken with chills.

Clint had gone for the Dr. and Auntie H.
was over to take care of her. No more
as Papa and I could harness Prince Papa
and Mama started and did not come
back until about 11 1/2 o'clock when I was
filing some letters.

This A. M. Mama
went down before breakfast and staid
until after Coz Jennie and I had come down.
Coz J. staid till some time this P. M.

Dr. F. came this A. M. and said he
thought I was much better.

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Last night Mamma et auntie. Thought
Grandma. was enduring her last sickness
but I guess they think she will live it
through now.

The latest edition
of the Merciamis - is really a beauty -
so I thought. as he lay asleep in my
arms. this morn. Ellen built a fire

in the library. to day. in order that
G. need not be disturbed by her conisnu-
sion.

Monday 19th 3 P.M.

Saturday night. I stopped writing. in order
to go with Mamma. to see Grandma. who is very
slowly gaining strength. This morn she ate
a mite of potato. and bread. ^{and drank a little coffee.} the first solid
food she has taken. (except a little raw
codfish) since Friday. She is still very

sick and weak. but fast danger unless
she takes more cold. She now gets
up three a day. long enough to han-
dle her needle and that is all.

Mama was very much surprised
to find a letter she wrote to you Friday
on the table among the letters to go this morn.

Mr. Dayan. came up Sat. morn. and went
away. this A.M. He is so very nice. we
enjoy his short visits. ever so much.
He is beginning to give pen. up. as a law-
yer. and now thinks he will not go to
N. Y. before you all come home. the last of
June. Mrs De Camp. comes to the Falls.

to night. Papa went to Albany this morn.
he may go to N. Y. before his return.

How much tangible compensation do you get

for taking care of that department - or what over you call it - for Prof. Ward

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to find a letter she wrote to you & father.
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Mr. Dargan. came up sat. night. and met
her. this at 11. He is so very nice. we
enjoy his short visits. even so much.

He is beginning to give her up. as a lam.
and now thinks he will not go to
C.R. before you all come home. the next
time. Mrs. DeLamph. comes to the falls.
to night.

John went to & to leave. this morn.
he may go to R. before his return.
for much tangible compensation do you get

for taking care of that department. or what ever you call
it - for Prof. March.

He has much love to my mother & his two
wives. every the same
four most dear.
Ch. & Loring

H. March 17. 1871.

The morning. you good letter came.

and he was very glad to get it. You are a

manly boy. to help us in our work. so very.

well. nothing. and getting. for that

you are sick. even since. suddenly morning.

when the mail came. and the question was

asked. by all of us. "to have a letter from
"that" and the dividend is some time. "No."

you would have thought it was going to
be made. by the circulation in the count.

insurance.

Wednesday afternoon. when

Mamma and I went to see the Standard. we
found all construction close to the fire.

Homerood.

Wch 22. / 77.

My Dear "Old Man."

Here it is. Thursday evening. and still
not a word. from you. this week. A letter from Papa.
and one from Mama ^{you next to} to the Post. Monday nig. and
the one I wrote to you Tuesday. started from the Post.
Wednesday morning. I suppose. so you could not have
^{been} waiting all this time. for home letters. Do you intend
to write Wednesdays? instead of Mondays? because
if you do. I won't worry so. if your letter does not
come. before Friday. or Saturday.

Grandma is much better this afternoon. &
we hope she will be able to get along now. without an-
other full back. This evening aunt Helen
cooked some squirrel's legs. for her and she ate them
with relish. together with biscuits. etc.

We have had one postal - from Papa since he has been away - but not since he has been in N. Y.

When Mr. Dagon. was here. Papa teased him. continually. about some yellow birds. which he said Dr. Burley. had seen this month. so when he went back to Lowell. he sent me some poetry for - had written for his Father's benefit. several years ago. ~~They~~ ^{They} were so very appropriate. and so very good. that I copy them here.

"He played on an old harp with just one string,
Till the thought of his neighbors all took ring,
And a stone at his head they'd been happy to fling,
For with terrible zeal he continued to ring,
On his horrible harp with just one string."

"Moral."

"He who makes of his friend ridiculous game,
& sadly wanting in respect for ^{the} same"

Mr. D. adds. the "moral."

Our friends
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Miss

found & he
and when I
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Our hens have begun to lay. and to-day. I found 17 eggs in the hay. in a box.

Yesterday I went down to visit Helen's. and found Clintie. disecting ^{a rabbit}. so I had a real nice time. and when I went away. he gave me the three ear bones. Malar. I ncus. and Staples. besides the three bones. before they had been separated.

Mama had a letter from Coz Julia. last night. She seems to feel rather blue. being kept awake nights. by tooth aches.

Now come that something I told you. was coming. a good while ago. with as many "ifs." and "ands." I of Miss Ella. keeps I black St. another year. and if she will consent to let me be one of her household. for a while. and if. Papa will let me. and if. there are any good schools. for know nothing girls. in N.H. and if nothing happens. to prevent. there is the barest possibility. that next fall. or summer. ^{that} I may go to N.H. to school. boarding at. or rather making my home at.

5. Clark St. What do you think of it dear?

It would be perfectly lovely - to be with you and Miss
Ellen and all - but I expect I should be terribly
homesick - for the first 2 or 3 or more weeks.

Mamma has a little cold.

Perhaps we shall ^{go} to the Falls - to-morrow.

I guess. All stop for to-night - and then finish my letter
at - in the morn - when I hope - we shall get a letter from
you.

Good night brother.

Lala - F. Augusta.

Saturday night.

Dearest Harriet.

Yesterday morn - as no letter came from you - and Mamma
and I - went to the Falls in the afternoon - my letter
did not progress any.

This morn's mail brought a postal from you
saying you could not write a letter till Sunday - on
account of not having time. Please don't work as
hard as to make yourself sick, dearie. Because you
know - if you bring on your headaches again - you
will find yourself laid up again.

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Sunday morn. 9. 1/2. A. M.

[March 1877]

This morn before breakfast. I went down to see her. and found her not so well. She had taken cold in the night. by which she has let-ting the fire go down. probably. and had a sore throat. and felt all shocked up. She has no spirits. and will not take Dr. J. medicine. and is very weak. I don't think I have ever seen her so despondent. for a long a time. at least. as she is now. She says she knows she is not going to get well. and had a great deal rather die. as she is no good in the world. and only trouble. Aunt Helen thinks. the first time she was sick. she had taken Laudnum. as her symptoms were the same as they would have been. had she done so. But we hope she would not do so dreadful a thing.

There is a good crust to-day.

Mamma. and F. Thomas. and the 2 friends. are going to church this morn. as cannot write much longer.

Glad Papa can celebrate his 53rd birthday. with you. Collier says he sent you a check of \$184. the first of your concerns. that day. He also says he wrote you a letter. which I hope if you possibly can. you will answer. as he has very little time to write letters. and therefore. deserves to have them answered.

Please give my love to Miss Clara. Jim and Papa. if his till with you when you get this.

Ever with love from all. to all

Your most sincere son.
F. J. M.

Locust Grove, Lewis County, N. Y.,

~~Lucy~~

1876

P.M. Thomas has just come back from the Post. Whether he had gone for Papa - no Papa came! but a letter which we should have received this A.M. saying that he was going to see you - and so would not be home until Tuesday or Wednesday. We were delighted that he was going to see you. But feel sorry for poor Grandma. Who in her weak state expecting Papa - and then not having him come - we are afraid it may affect badly.

I'll stop for to-night. as this cannot go until tomorrow - or next day.

Will imagine that Papa is with you to night - and you are having a lovely time. Wish I might be with you.

Love Sister Flo. Mr Mrs De Camp - and all - are well. The roads are bare - in places.

Mr & Mrs De C. are to stay for 2 or 3 weeks longer.

Good Night.

Ever

Flora Acuster
Merriam.

Please remember me to
Mama. Papa. and all - and their love to you.
The Dr. When you
see him - Papa
says he & his sister
are coming up here
in summer -
& hope they will -

M

Ever with
lots of love
Your devoted
Sister -
Agatha.

P.S. Papa says
not to put your
hand - on any
dog you see!

Homewood.

April 1st 1877.

My Precious Brother Harrie.

Your letter to Mama. came Wednesday.
and we were ever so glad. to get it.

Poor pen! I thought Dr. Facon. said he
would never have any more trouble. with
his hip. but I suppose. as you say. peo-
ple "can't most always sometimes tell."

What do you really mean. when you
say that you "have the privilege of work-
ing 8 hours. a day for the Museum?"

You do not mean that you are doing
it now. in addition to your other work.
and without receiving any pay for it. do
you? If you do. I must say I
think you are very foolish. to wear

yourself out. to please Prof Marsh.

You are too precious a darling. to
your family. if not to yourself.
to throw away your life. and know-
ledge. for nothing.

We were so glad that Papa.
felt able to go to see you. It has done
you both good. no doubt.

He says you are very well. Oh.
I am so glad to hear it.

The snow is going rapidly. and
the roads are very soft.

Grandma is much better.
To-day. when Papa spoke to her of
going to Aunt Helen's to live. she
seemed to like the idea. very much
and seems to want to go. as soon. as
she can.

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and I guess on a level. the snow is
not over 6 inches deep.

Uncle Charley. has bought 15
more cows.

Knot and I hope to finish at.
cataloging the books. to-morrow.

Yesterday I received from Miss
Eva Bates. a box of spring flowers.
and an Easter egg. Was she not
kind?

Has any one written you.
about the "Ghost". as Thomas calls it?

I do not think they have. so I
will. A week ago to-night. I
and his wife. and our girls. went to
church. and when they came home
about 9 o'clock. and just as the girls
were getting out of the church. at the

kitchen door. the bell which is attached
to the other house rang twice. the
second time. all of them seeing the
handle move. as though someone had
hold of the handle. I could find

no one around the premises. could
see no tracks.

It could not
have been a person at the other end.
as they could not ^{for we have tried it.} move the handle.
It could not have been a limb for
the same reason.

It could not have been snow.
as there was none near. Solve
the mystery. and let us know the result
if you can. Thomas thinks it was
the Col. Harry. I did not know he
was so superstitious. before.

Please give ever so much love. to
Miss Ella. and Jan. and tell J. I am ever
so sorry for him.

Please remember me to
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to the other corner. Many times. The
second time. all of them seeing the
hazards more. as though someone had
told of the hazard. I could find
no one around the premises. could
see no tracks. It could not
have been a person at the other end.
as they could not move ^{for we have tied it.} the hazard.
It could not have been a limb for
the same reason.

It could not have been a person.
as there was some near. John
the muleteer. and did not know the exact
of you can. Thomas thinks it was
the old story. What not know he
was so much better. before.
Thomas give me so much love. to
Miss Ella. and her. and tell J. Sam can
do every for him.

Please remember me to
the Dr. When you
see him. Papa
says he & his sister
are coming up here
next summer.
& hope they will.

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Ever with
lots of love
Your devoted
Sister
Agustina.

P.S. Papa says
not to put your
hand on any
dog you see!
A.M.
Homerwood.
April 1st 1877.

Your letter to Mama. came Wednesday.

and we were very glad. to get it.

Don't you! I thought Dr. Jason. said he
would never have any more trouble. with
his wife. but I suppose. as you say. you
the "can't rest always" condition tell.

What do you really mean. when you
say that you have the "pinchings of work."
I know. a day for the Museum!

You do not mean that you are doing
it now. in addition to your other work.
and without securing any pay for it. do
you? If you do. I must say I
think you are very foolish. to make

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Homewood.

Apr 4th / 1877.

Dear Hartie.

No letter from you - this week.
but Tuesday a package came from
you - for me - containing two Photos -
one of Mrs. & one of Miss Hotchkiss -
which we were very glad to get.

I think Miss H. looks a little like
the Dr. Has not he had his picture
taken yet?

Aunt Helen told us
last night - that she had lately found
a note from the Dr. in the top of the pill
box - which he sent for her - saying he would

send us one of his pictures - as soon as
he had time to ^{have them} taken.

What is Miss ^{Al's} given name?

We have been making all kinds
of changes - in the house to-day - & yester-
day. Yesterday we brought up the
Buffet - & put it in the Dining Room -
taking down the east Yosemite picture -
putting it where the Book case used
to be in the parlor - & put the Book case
in the Nursery - corner by the fire place
& putting the Piano in the North corner
of the parlor east of the door -

Sister L. is quite unwell - all
tired out -

Clinton is going as far as
Albany - with Louis F. Wednesday next.
Knot & I have not finished cataloging

as the books - yet -

It has been quite warm - to-day -
& the snow is going off - rapidly -

There has been complicated trouble - at
"the other house" - and everything is so mix-
ed up - I hardly dare say anything about
it - for fear of getting something wrong -

I will abbreviate - and just give you a
little sketch of it - Uncle C. got it into
his head - that aunt H. was trying to
get all of Grandma's things - whereupon
he scraped up everything he could
think of - against auntie H. and tal-
ked to Grandma about her - till she
got quite on her stilts - and yet on
account of being treated so - when she
is now - she says she cannot stay
there - The truth is - I. is so very

changable. That one day she says one thing - and the next - something just the opposite - but I am convinced of one thing - and that is. that she ought not to be left where she is - any longer -

Mamma & Papa - send their love - & Mamma says - she intended to write to you - to morrow - but as long as I have written now - she will wait for a few days -

I must stop now - as it is after 9 o'clock - and I am "tired now - and sleepy too." Ever with love to Miss Ella & Jim - and remembrances - for the Dr.

Ever Your loving Sister

F. M. Merriam

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to work
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And tell the De when you can
take his photograph - long to repair the damage - you speak of. I can
other words.

that he will soon
and in his photo.

Good Night

Beloved Brother -

one your most

devoted

sister

J. A. M.



Homewood, N. Y.
Apr 8th 1877.

My Dearest Brother Harriet.

I was made quite happy by your
letter of the 3rd. and the only reason I have
not answered it before is that I had mit-
ten you - the night before it came. & Papa
& Mama wrote you soon after. We try
to let our letters come at different times.
not all in a bunch.

It was very kind in you to send
me the picture of that little girl. What a
sad face she has.

Did you give

her the little kitten - to keep?

It has been a lovely day. and the
sunlight. as I sit here in the Dining room
window. is very pleasant.

I like the picture of Miss
Hatchers. That is, I think she
is nice looking -
although not ex-
actly pretty.

I wish you
could see me - to-
night. But
I will look for you
to the time.

When you will be
here. Not quite
four months,
will it?

Love from all
to all.

Cousin
Sincerely & Co.

Our rings are so much now. and Dirty. changeable
has commenced.

The Robins and little ground
birds have come back. I wish we have

seen little flocks of Wild Geese flying north-
west. They are white. with little black spots.
on their wings & they made a funny noise.

How sorry I am. that poor Miss Ella.
is sick. It seems so sad. that she is so un-
well. so much of the time.

I am sure so glad you like my plan. &
I hope it can be carried out. although I
do not much think Papa would let me go
away from home. unless Mama. or he were
with me.

Yesterday Papa & Mama. went
to the Falls. to see Sister Elsie. She has not

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is better than the whaling. but after that
the road is dusty in places. so they were
glad that ^{they} had the Duckboard.
Grandma is about as usual. I
am afraid she will not manage to get
away from there. until it is too late.
The snow is going off rapidly -
and there is bare ground to be seen from
every window. almost -
The pets are all well.
Cousin Pennie probably goes to N.Y.
this week.
Papa bottled some Lillies of
the Valley. last week.
has not

got the Master after all. but Infla-
mation of the Bladder. She has been
very sick. but is much better now.

From here to the Falls. the roads are quite
changeable. From here to the Port. the shipping
is better than the whaling. but after that
the road is dusty in places. so they were
glad that ^{they} had the Duckboard.

Grandma is about as usual. I
am afraid she will not manage to get
away from there. until it is too late.

The snow is going off rapidly -
and there is bare ground to be seen from
every window. almost -

The pets are all well.
Cousin Pennie probably goes to N.Y.
this week.

Papa bottled some Lillies of
the Valley. last week.

although not exactly pretty.

I wish you could be here to-night. But I will look forward to the time.

When you will be here. Not quite four months? Will it?

Love from all to all.

Cru.
Sincerely & Co.

I like the picture of Miss Hotchkiss. That is I think she is nice looking. I was commenced.

The Doctor and little ground birds have come back. There are some

small flocks of birds I was flying north. They are white with little black spots. On their wings & they make a funny noise. I am sorry Sam. That poor Aliso. He is sick. He seems to feel that he is coming well. so much of the time.

I am ever so glad you like my plan. I hope it can be carried out. although I do not much think Papa would let me go away from home unless Mama or he were with me.

Yesterday Papa & Mama went to the falls to see Santa Ana. He was not

getting the measles after all. The inflammation of the throat. He has been very sick. But so much better now.

From here to the falls. The roads are quite damp. From here to the falls. The dampness is better than the melting. But after that the road is duddy in places. so they were glad that ^{they} had the duckpond.

Wednesday is about as usual. I am afraid she will not manage to get away from there. until it is too late.

The snow is going off rapidly. and there is some ground to be seen. from every mountain. almost.

The jets are all well.

Someone promised probably go to N.Y. this week.

Papa bottled some oil of the falling. last week.

Do you think you will really go to Hood's
Hole - next summer? It makes me
feel real badly every time. I think
of you going away - for the summer.

You need rest in the summer - and
if you go there - you will work - work -
work - till you are used up as you was
last summer - and then! you'll wish you
hadn't - won't you?

If you do insist in going - you'll
come home first - won't you?

Mary Kenton invited me to come up
and and see her - this week - she said
I would - they would sugar off.

Jimmie Rowland is going to work
at Gaitin' Emmis - this summer.

Write you Wednesday -

Ever so much love to Miss

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other words.
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Do you think you will really go to Scotland - next summer? I make no

just real really every time time. I think of your going away - for the summer

you will not in the summer - and if you go there - you will work - make - till you are well up as you was last summer - and then I you'll not you had not - won't you?

if you do want in spring - I will come home just - won't you?

Mary Stanton invited me to come up and see her - this week. she said I would - they would sugar off -

Samuel Donaldson is going to work at Madison - this summer -

think you Wednesday -
see so much love to Miss

Ellen - & I And tell the Dr. when you see him - that I hope it will not

other words. that he will come and see his photo

My Dearest Brother
I was made quite happy by your

letter of the 3rd. and the only reason I have not answered it before - is that I had not time - the night before it came. & I hope & Mama wrote you soon after. It is to let our letters come at different times - not all in a bunch -

I was very kind in your. to send me the picture of that little girl. What a real face. she was. Did you give her the little ribbon - to keep?

He has been a lovely day. and the sunlight. as I sit here in the evening corner - is very pleasant.

Good Night
Beloved Brother
Your most devoted sister
J. A. M.

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Stonewall N.Y.
Apr 8th 1877.

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Love to dear Miss Cla-
& Jim - With kin-
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Homewood
Apr 11. 1877.

My Dearest Brother Hart.

So night when we got the mail. (There was a land slide. north of the Port. so the train could not pass. & the man did not bring it up till evening.) Papa opened 2 letters addressed to L. H. M. and found them to be from Dearest Dick! He and all his family. have been sick with the Smallpot. and he is the only one left! His wife & all the children. were taken. Poor man! There was a letter from little Dick. to you. written before he died. saying that he was well. & hoped you were enjoying the same blessing. Papa did not stop to read any more. but hastened with the letters. to the piazza. where he left them

to air. & now we have gotten a bowl of
^{Bismarck} Chlorum. on the table - & a cloth run
out of it - on the floor. He did
not know. but if he had written the letter
or rather commenced it. when they were
all sick. & had ^{had} it round the house. since
that there might be a little danger of
contagion in the letter. Papa says
when we get the letters well fumigated.
and you get vaccinated. we will send
them to you.

Is there any danger of
our taking it? Would it do any
good to be vaccinated by the country doc-
ters around here? Would it do any harm
to go and see the people of the neigh-
borhood. just the same as usual before
this time. that if ^{we} any of us going to
have it. we would come down with it?

What is the best thing to ward it off. next
to vaccination?

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How long are people sick with it?

I hope you will get this before you write your weekly letter. because we don't like to go by what the Dr. is around here. say. and if convenient we would like to know as soon as possible. whether or no. we are in quarantine. & we think you & the Dr. can give us as reliable ^{mis} information on this score. as any other 2 individuals that we know of.

Charlie left ^{for} Poky this A. M.

Mrs John Peters did this A. M. at 2 o'clock. Grandma is better.

Poor Maria. don't be discouraged. I am afraid you did not feel very well. when you wrote that poor disconsolate letter to Papa. or else you had come to a realizing sense of Prof Marsh's disgraceful conduct. as regards your slandering yourself away for him. without

any remuneration. If you are
so hard up. as to make it the reasonable
thing to do. I have \$50.⁰⁰ in the Bank.
which if it was necessary - might be used
to keep you from starvation. but dearie.
I think you will never be reduced to such
circumstances. as the afore-said - but I hope
you will come to the point - when you ^{will} ^{be} the
practicability - of making Surgery a pro-
fession. Papa went to Utica Tuesday. &
put in the bank - without my knowledge.
\$20.⁰⁰ in my name - or to my account. It
was very kind of him - as I will be getting
the interest on it all ^{the} time. but it will
make ~~me~~ a nice little debt. for me to work
off this summer.

All are well now.

There are a great many people sick
around here now. and if S.P. should
get into the neighborhood - we should
have to send for B.D. Gamb. & Mr. Roberts.

Love to dear Miss Cha.
& Ann - With kin-
d remembrances
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If you are
so hard up. as to make it the worse
thing to do. I have \$50.⁰⁰ in the bank.
Much if it was necessary. might find
to keep you from starvation. but please.

I think you will never be reduced to such
circumstances. as the above said. but I hope
you will come to the point - when you ^{will} see the
fractiousness of making Sundry a ^{very}
man.

Cafra went to Miss Tuesday. &
told in the bank. without my knowledge.
\$20⁰⁰ in my name - or to my account. It
was very kind of him - as I will be getting
the interest on it all the time. but it will

Love to dear Miss Cla.
& Jim. With kind

remembrances
to the Dr.
Cous your aff.
Smallport.

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at home
from
all.

My dearest Brother & ad.

Homestead.
at Jan 11. 1877.

To night when we got the mail. (There
was a land slide. north of the Port. so the
train could not pass. & the man did not
bring it up till evening) Cafra opened 2
letters addressed to & Mr. M. and found them
to be from Deane Dick! He and all his
family. have been sick with the Smallpox.
and he is the only one left! His wife &
all the children. were taken. Or man!

Pat is well - and all the details.

I am a bit of a cold - not enough to keep me in - except evenings - and when it is cool. We went to S. J.

about the base to day - back in the board - by road -

My Dear Old Brother.

Thursday trip mail. Brought only a postal from you. 30 figs. 2 Shup.

and 1 half! Well. I should think you were contemplating the farm question - at good beginning. To be sure.

We have been having most lovely weather. for the past week. So very warm and mild.

Grandma is about as usual.

Cousin Jennie has decided not to go to N. Y. at present.

And now that I am writing the letter. Grandma & Cousin Jennie are

to get an answer to long.

How are Miss Ella and John? We
 I was a letter to Papa - says
 I is much bet.
 How long ago -
 did vaccination
 take on you?
 Lacerations & snow-
 drops - are in
 flower -
 Robin's found
 birds - Papa's
 Thrushes - Larks
 Blackbirds &c.
 are back now
 from to you all -
 Write soon - to your
 mother & father
 is a
 I am
 Dear
 did
 each
 had
 him
 to be
 has
 thin
 was
 you
 sum
 four
 coming - not
 by a
 in a
 alive

disposed of. He can return to the
 subject. Which forms the most im-
 portant part. of Limerwood con-
 vention. at present. Smallpox!
 Since my last letter which was writ-
 ten on the evening of that eventful day
 when D.D.'s letter came - much has
 happened. at least we think so -
 Yesterday afternoon we were vaccinated
 by Dr Johnson. Whether the vaccine
 was taken or what. I do not know. but
 it has not taken. or even begun to take
 on any of the 6. who were vaccinated -
 except Papa - and he says he is

the poor to you all -
quite soon - to you
- in -
on re -
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- with -
ful day
has
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- but
to take
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- am

is a little soon -
- yesterday are

Papa read the letters! He found that
Deane Dick said that one of the family
died on the 24th of Dec. and one died
each day. until the 5th of them were
dead. at the same time he was sick
himself. and no one could be gotten
to take care of them! He says he
has passed through many hard
things - as you know. but this is the
worst. His chief object in writing
you - is to get you to come & spend the
summer with him. His usual
journal was inclosed. but Papa did
not further endanger himself -
by reading it. The letters are now
in a box in front of the house -
rising. They are buried in dirt.

without danger
one is in should get sick.
to be
write
now
can

How are Miss Ella. and John? Ma D. in a letter to Papa. says D. is much better.

How long ago. did Vaccination take on you?

Locusts & snow. are in flower.

Robins. Ground birds. Prairies. Crows. Starlings. Blackbirds &c.

are back here. Come to you all. White corn. to you.

disposed of. we can return to the subject. which forms the most important part. of the present session. at present. Smallpox!

Since my last letter. which was sent.

live on the evening of that magnificent day.

return D. D. with same. much has happened. at least we think so.

Thursday afternoon we were vaccinated.

By Dr Johnson. Whether the vaccine matter is or what. I do not know. but

it has not taken. or even begun to take on any of the 6. who were vaccinated. except Papa. and the camp had been

no a little more. The ground was so dry in 1875. that nothing was to be seen.

Papa read the letter! He found that the vaccine matter was so dry in 1875. that nothing was to be seen.

Dear Dick said that one of the family died on the 24th of Dec. and we did

each day. until the 5th of them were dead. at the same time he made me

himself. and no one could be gotten to take care of them! He says he

has passed through many hard things - as you know. But this is the worst.

He says that in visiting you - is to get you to come & spend the summer with him. The moral with

himself was involved. but Papa did not further encourage himself.

by sending it. The letter we are in a box in front of the house.

arriving. They are friends to visit.

one is in should get sick. without danger

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one is in should get sick. without danger

one is in should get sick. without danger

one day. or more. and then placed
near carbolic Acid. so they are
well fumigated. by this time. I guess.

We have been reading up Smallpox.
Typhoid. & Faturation. in the Encyclo-
paedia. & co.

Do you suppose if
any of us should by any possibility.
get sick. that Dr. Johnson would
be competent. to have the Doctorial
care of us?

Can a person after
Faturation. whether it takes or no.
have the Smallpox? or only Typhoid?
Can any one having Typhoid. give
another person. Smallpox? &

wish you were within talking distance
so that we could ask. and you could
answer. all the questions. that we would
like to ask. and which it now takes so

"That's well - so are

the det.

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long. not go

then.

one day. or more. And then I had
near carbolic acid. as they are
well furnished. by this time. I guess.

The new steam machinery of the Smallport.
Rusticoid. & Purification. in the large-
Columbian. & Co. The new machinery.

At your service

any of us should try any possibility.
Get sick. That is, for now, would
be sufficient: to have the Doctor
care of us?

San Antonio

Parliament. Whether it takes or not -
Tame the Smallpox? or only hinder
it and only once having hindered. Give
another lesson. Smallpox? &
with you were within taking disease
so that we could not. and you could
do more. All the questions that we would
like to ask. and which it now takes so

"Fat" is well - now
the det.

The det.
 I ran a fit of
 a cold. not
 enough to keep
 me in. except
 evenings. and
 when it is cool.

I have a fit of
 a cold - not
 enough to keep
 me in - except
 evenings - and
 when it is cool.
 We went to S. P.
 across the bar
 fields to day -
 & came back in the
 buck. board - by
 the Bay road -
 I now is mostly gone -

Postal. From you.

30 dip. 2 1/2 hrs.

and I say! Well. I should think you
were contemplating the farm question -
at good beginning. Is he sure.

The have been having most horrid
weather. for the past week. - I may
say warm and mild.

The sandstone is about as

to go natural.

To our friends no decided
B. H. at present.

Not go to N. H. at present.

at red nose that swimming. The two
Haw-thorned. & downy forms are



Locust Grove. N.Y.

Apr 22nd 1877.

My Dear Hartie.

We were very glad to get your weekly letter. Wednesday nig. but we. at the same time. very sorry to find you so discouraged. although I think you have quite a good reason for so being. I wish I might cheer you up. dearie. What can I say to make you feel better? Can't you do something to Prof Marsh. to make him offer you a more liberal sum. and without exacting 3 years service out of you?

What can I do to help you besides praying for you? Get Papa to let me raise one of our little calves. (if we ever have any!) and then sell it for real. and forward the proceeds to you? Tell Thos for

minute.

last

Kit.

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his photo?

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I shall

N.

little

then

come

soon

not let

you!

of your own, and this - you'll do well

Mutton. and give the money obtained to the
same poor penniless 21 year old. Perhaps
I can raise enough chickens, about what
we need for the table. so that I can sell them
that is if Papa permits.

Monday A.M.
Last night we read Deane Dickie's
letter. it is perfectly awful. the account
he gives of the suffering & death of all
his family. Please send us his ad-
dress immediately - as we want to write
to him. in time if possible - for him to
get it when he comes down. because it
may be that he was delayed - and so
will not go down until after the 20th
in which case - he may possibly get
the letter - if we write immediately -
Mama has copied the address - that he

give - but we do not know in what
State or Territory he is -

We are glad that Mr D. is
going down to make your visit.
I would send a box of Spring
flowers by him - but as there
are not very many in the woods -
I will send a box full by mail -
in a day or so -

Cousin J. goes to N. Y. Wed-
nesday - All are quite well -
but I have a cold -

I am in a dreadful hurry
as Papa is going to the Post - to
take this - and send it with
D.D.'s letters - to Mr D. to take to
you - We have tried to get Papa
to send the letters to you
before - but he would not -

to the
Perhaps
what
call them

St. M.
Dick's
the account

of all.
his ad-
to write

him to
know it

and so
the 20th

horribly pt

July -

that he

I must stop in half a minute.
So I had to take my first
crossback ride on Kit.
This big

Ever & ever
much love to all.
Why don't you send his photo?
We are waiting for it -
almost impatiently.

Good bye - With I shall
follow my letter to N. K.
and see you for a little.
But I suppose it is better
as it is.

Good bye Love,
Come home as soon
as you can - and do not let
Dad know what you!
Love, Sam.

My Dear
letter. No
time. very
aged. all
good reason
might be
to make
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that can
for you?
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of course, and this - you'll do well

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came to
to-day-
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That
sister.

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But
all had

it came.

My Dear Dr. - I want to see you so much.
You can I wait. I think
it would be a good while
to wait. if you
came as soon as
the time was
over. but now if
you go off with the Dr.
but I must not
grow this way.
for it probably
all for your
good. and I
certainly
love you
will always
be glad to
see you.
I suppose I
shall be
glad to see you
again.

My Dearest Brother Arthur.

M

May 4th / 77

Your letter and one from the

Dr. came this morning. to Mama.
The Dr. enclosed his long looked for
photograph. which I think could
not be better. but his letter makes

me feel - Oh! so sad. He says you
are going to the seashore with him.
when the time flows

and then in August. he says. perhaps
you will make some plans to be together
there. thus leaving us without

hardly any visit from you. I
sums almost as though I could not

let it be so. I have looked forward ever since you went away in January.

to having such a good long visit with you this summer.

but I suppose I am very selfish - to wish you to stay here. so I will try to say "I try will be done." but it is hard - so hard!

The reason that I have let almost two weeks pass since writing to you - is that I have been very busy - and then when I could have done it - I was so tired.

Just in your letter to Mama you accuse me of making your life a burden. I was not aware that I had ever said anything in my letters to you about you

getting over when what we you want

bring the letter. I can't I'm

end to your burden - a thing it.

W. had more of it.

I'm I and look it seems to be here.

I'm

to. without a minute. but I can't quite do that.

Good night! Love. do not mind me. I'll be with you. I'll be with you. I'll be with you.

had for -
away -
ing such
on this

getting married. but once. and that
was when I wrote to inform you of
what we had heard. as I supposed
you would like to know. but I
meant no harm.

I am
to stay.
by will

bring" the life out of "you. by my
letters. I will not write again. be-
cause I would on no account put an

o hard!
let al -
writing

end to your life. or even make it a
burden. if I ~~to~~ could by so simple
a thing as not writing to you. at all

a very
ld have

If this is to be my last letter. I will
What a time you must have
had moving.

to Mama

I am glad Miss
C. loves it so well.

your
at once

The Dr's. picture. is so natural.
and looks so much like him. that
it seems almost as though he was real-
ly here.

my thing
t you

I do not know as I blame you

Good night love. do not mind me. I am a good natured fellow. for fear it will trouble

and for some other -
your
disappointed
you

landlady. for "6 wagon loads" is rather
a ~~good~~ formidable array.

Too darling. I am afraid you
will be lonesome now. I wish I
might be with you - for a while -

Cousin Lizzie Holiday - came to
Aunt Helen's ^{last} night - and to-day -
little Anna - spent the day with
me -

Cousin Anna is coming to
see us next week -

Arch's James & Cla. spend
Sunday here -

I have been thinking that
you and the Dr. with his sister
would be here for a good while
this summer - and then we could
have such a lovely time - But
now - my castles have all had
a fall - only since the mail came -

Oh! I wish to see you so much.
I don't seem to write - I know
it would be a good while
to wait. if you
came as soon as
possible -
Dr. - came
the Dr. &
photograph
not to be
me feel
are going
and then
you will
then -
hardly
summers at
this - nothing -

landslap - for "I hope I shall" so rather
a good formidable away.

I am darling - I am afraid you
will be home soon now. I wish I
might be with you - for a while -

Evening I hope to be with you - I am to
be with Helen ^{last} night - and to stay -
little extra - spent the day with
me.

Evening I am coming to
see us next week.

Proctor James & Co. spent
Sunday here.

I am then thinking that
you and the D2 with his wife
would be here for a good while
the summer - and then we could
have such a lovely time - but
now - my castle has all that
a fall - only once the mail came.

I want to see you so much.
How can I wait. I think
it would be a good while
to wait. if you
came as soon as
the term was
over. but now if
you go off with the D2
but I must not
go on this way
for it probably is
all for your
good and I
certainly
hope you
will manage
to find up
your pleasure
I suppose I

My
Dearest I love you
I love you
I love you

My
Dearest I love you
I love you
I love you

D2 - came this morning - to March.

The D2 enclosed his long looked for
photograph. which I think could
not be better. but his letter makes

me feel - O! so sad. I

am going to the warehouse with you.

and then in shipment. he says. perhaps

you will make some plans to be together

there. then leaving us without

hardly any visit from you. It

seems almost as though I could not

Please don't ever again think you are deserted by
Papa & Mama - when
you are not -
and then
earn much
concern on both
sides -
Ever yours
Your
sister,
G.

M

Hornwood.

May 11th / 87.

My dear Dear Lottie -

Your letter ^{and} ~~with~~ Miss Ella's -

which Papa got at the Port this
afternoon. has made me feel as
if I must fly right to N. N. to com-
fort you.

I am so sorry you did
not read Papa and Mama's letters -
and understand them. the way in which
they meant them to be understood.
for they certainly had no such feelings
as you seem to think. They had.

Oh dear - how heartfully your
letter makes me feel! - but I turn
from what Miss E. says - and also

you O. S. that by this time. you
are feeling quite like my dear
good cheerful brother. that
I have always known to you
to be -

Harry please tell us when
you next write. what your
plans are for the summer. I
am so anxious to know. and
even if you think it to be bet-
ter for you not to be here
much. I will try for your
sake. to be content.

This morn. I had a note from
the Dr. saying his mother
~~was~~ had sent by the same mail
a book to me. It has come
and looks lovely.

My eyes will not let me
write more to - night.

Wanna - when
you are not -
and thus
even much
wonder on both
sides -

Ever yours
John
sister,
J.

Homewood.

May 11th / 87

My dear Sister -

Your letter ~~with~~ ^{and} Miss Ellis -

I wish Papa great the O's - this
afternoon. too much me feel as
if I must fly right to N. N. & come
to see you - I am so sorry you did
not see Papa and Mamie's letter -

and understand them. the way in which
they meant them to be understood
for they certainly had no such feeling
as you seem to think. They had.

O dear. How beautifully you
write me! I feel! But I want
from what Mr. L. says. and also



Homewood.

May 13th 1877.

My Dearest Old Darling Brother Arthur.

Last night. came your letter of the 9th to me. I was oh! so glad to get it. The reason it was 3 days on the road, was because the people could not make out the Least Grove. which although I was able to read it. I don't believe anyone that was not used to the hand. could have done it.

It seems to me that you should have had to comfort me. when you ^{me} feeling so badly your own dear self. but then "misery loves company" - so I don't know but it is just as well. for I did feel most wretchedly. when I wrote that letter. I had to blow my

now so often - and came so generally
stopped up - that Mama thought I
had taken cold. But you can guess
what he thought ^{she found} me the next morn -
When the chief that had been under
my pillow all night - in a little net
wack!

I ~~was~~ am so glad that you
are going to come home early we all
want you so much. and then that
you will "spend the entire summer"
made me feel happier than I have
done before since the D is settled here.

I am ever so sorry that you are so
homesick - if you can't stand it any
longer. Come home - will be glad to see

I am
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collecting
tin can
for a while
I joined
will stay
I almost
hopes. for
an future
that -
I suppose
last week
I'd
to - that
wanting
M

I assure you.

I'm glad to hear you are not
collecting much now. You have got-
ten a lovely Annie in you now. To last
for a while.

When I came in your letter 1 to
"I joined the Medical College yesterday-
will study eagerly with Dr. Bacon."

I almost jumped with joy. My
hopes. prayers. and everything else
are fulfilled. When I hear you say
that.

Wash. James is in N. Y. now.
I suppose. as he was going down
last week.

I'll try and do as you tell me
to - that is not to write any more
reantimonious solemnly letters.
Must stop now.

Ever with love from all
of



Homewood.

May 21st/1877.

My Dearest Brother.

Yesterday I intended to write you as much as could be - but in the morning when I had time - I did not do it - as aunt Helen - was here.

By this mail. I send you a box of "Lillies of the Valley" - as they were so sweet - we wanted to have you enjoy them with us.

While I think of it. the other day. when Annie was putting away your pants - doing so. she heard something rattle. and looking to see what it was. she found 52^{cts} which would be quite a fortune to your poor bankrupt brother. would it not?

I cannot write a very long letter. as
Papa is going to the Falls. To see Mr
Dayan. before he goes on the
train. to Lowell. and he will
mail this then. I wanted to go
with him ever so much. but on
account of my cold. which is quite
bad. Norma thought I had
better not.

Grandma came up Saturday
and will spend a week or so.
with us I guess.

Cha is at home.

We expect a letter from you
tomorrow.

I have told Mrs. Hotchkiss
a very kindly letter. it is perfectly
splendid. I have finished it.

and now Grandma is reading and
likes it very much. I have told
Mrs. A. how much I like it. and

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Thanks her for me - for it again -

I am so glad you are coming
home - comparatively soon - last
night I counted up and found
that if you get here the 8th it will
be just 6 weeks - 6 days - and a few
hours - from now.

Grandma. Papa -
Mamma - Cousin Anna - and love

Ever -

Lovingly -

Yours

sister



Homewood.

May 27th 1877.

My Dearest ~~Homewood~~ Harlin.

Ever since I wrote to you last. I have been intending to write you a long letter. especially since yours of the 20th or 21st reached us. but we have been very busy. What a nice time you must have had. at Uncle Gus's. glad to hear A. C. M. is so much better.

You poor darling. I am so sorry the weather is so hot. and with your sick head. it is doubly aggravating. - take ^{so} much

It was very kind in Mrs W. B. and trouble to get and send me the lovely book you speak of - and it gave me a great deal of pleasure to read it - I hope the "corporation" has let you know

M

Homewood.

May - 7th 1877.

My Dearest ~~Homewood~~ Harriet.

Ever since I wrote to you last. I have been intending to write you a long letter. especially since yours of the 20th or 21st reached us. but we have been very busy. - What a nice time you must have had. at Uncle Garrison's. glad to hear A. C. W. is so much better.

You poor darling. I am so sorry the weather is so hot. and with your sick head. it is doubly aggravating. - take so much

It was very kind in Mrs. N. to send trouble to get and send me the lovely book you speak of - as it gave me a great deal of pleasure - to read it -

I hope the "corporation" has let you know

about your future - before this -

I send you a few "Lillies of the Valley"
which I hope will retain some of
their fragrance - till they get to you -

I must tell you some very sad
news. Friday nig. - when I came to
clean Lairy's cage - which was on top
of the big cage - as also was Holie's.
(Dustin fought so with L. I had to sep-
arate them.) I found little Lairy
lying in the bottom of the cage dead!
Holie had gotten out - and gone into
L's cage - where he killed him -

Grandma went home Saturday -
Hattie - I can't write any more
my head aches and I feel sick all over

Good bye

Your loving sister

Flourie -

is -

"the valley"

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get to you -

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come to

as on top

Flourie -

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little Fairy

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\$ 400,000.

Wanna
 and much
 love -



It is good.
 May 3 1878

My Dearest Brother Hart.
 Your two letters - one to Papa -
 which came yesterday - and one to
 me which came today - we were very
 glad to receive - and they have pro-
 duced in me a mixture of feelings
 part joy - and part sorrow. As
 to the Expedition - it will be the con-
 siderable thing for you - if they go -
 but Papa says in these hard times -
 they now can get 80 young men
 to pay \$5,000. each - making ac-
 cording to your Arithmetic - or
 Multiplication table \$400,000.00!
 Although we know and feel
 that it would be for your great-
 est advantage - to go - we cannot

only charge
 again one
 down side

Talia-hat
 the story
 "Decorating"
 Mamma has
 just asked
 in - and
 says she
 feels better.
 Love mine
 Ch. & Mamma
 love - N.
 P.S. Mamma
 says you have
 occupied a
 very sickish

help feeling selfish - and think
 ing of what those 2 & perhaps
 longer & long years - would be
 to us. without our Father. our Pe-
sions & troubles Father. and yet
 when we (at least I) think of
 how much good it would be to
 you. it seems as though we ought
 not to think of ourselves. of the long
 long years of watching. waiting -
 hoping. fearing. and sorrowing
 for our darling. who we would
 ever be thinking of. praying for.
 and feeling 2 & 3 anxious about.
 but just to think about how much

good it
 only at
 after life
 would be
 vantage.
 the name
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 writing a
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 regards
 solely let
 you. to
 Papa
 being the
 We have
 him. it
 Mamma
 to-day.

Oh Mama
say you have
accepted a
very sickish
not think
perhaps
could be
our Pen
and yet
think of
old be to
to me only
of the long
waiting -
morning
would
saying for
about -
how much

good it would do him to go - not
only at the time being - but in your
after life. The knowledge you
would gain - the pecuniary ad-
vantage you would have - and
the name of having been one of
those - or two - perhaps - made so many
divorces. But I must stop
writing in this way - for I am
afraid you will think I do
not love you very well - as
evident "contumacious volumi-
nary letters." It is real good of
you - to give up Woodstock.
I am sure 'till Hart has
being the Professor? (Smith.)
We hope the Dr will come out
him - it would be so nice -
Mamma would have written you
to-day - but has not been off the

is - day -
writing even
but not

Talia has
the best
Decorating -
Mama has
just made
up - and
says she
feels better.
Love with
Charmant
love. -
P.S. Mama
says you have
escaped a
very sickish

help feeling selfish - and thank
you of that too - I perhaps
longed for peace - would be
too. without our friends. our
some sincere friends. and yet
when we (at least I) think of
how much good it would be to
you - it seems as though we ought
not to think of ourselves - of the long
long years of watching - waiting -
hoping - fearing - and worrying
for our darling - who we would
never be thinking of - preparing for -
and feeling like we are living about -
this point to things about how much

good it would do him to go - not
only at the time being - but in your
after life. The heartache you
would gain - the heartache you
would give would harm - and
the name of having been one of
those - or so. Perhaps. made some
decision. But I must stop
writing in this way - for I am
afraid you will think I am
not taking you very well - as
ignores "sensible" return -
every letter. It's not good of
you - to give up the whole. The
Talia says 'tell that to your
friend the Professor?' (I wish)
He says she will come out
soon. It would be so good -
Mama would have written you
to-day. But has not been off the

red - except for a few minutes
all day. A sick headache and
cold. I expect she will be
better to-night. I say -
you need not expect to hear
from her for several days - as
we go to Waco - tomorrow -
and the night with the Ross-
es - and part of Friday.

We heard through Clara
(who saw Mr. Dwyer) that
Miss Ella is coming out Satur-
day. Grandma is home again.

Collier was up here for a little
while this P. M. he is on the
jump all the time - but says
he feels quite well. as also does
sister Ella.

If your landlady was to pro-
vide for 6 people in your house she

\$ 5,000.00
80
\$ 400,000.00

Mamma
and much
love.

M

My Dearest Brother
Your two letters
which came yesterday
and which came today -
glad to receive - and to
show in me - a mixture
of joy - and part
to the Expedition - it is
a very thing for you
but Papa says in them
they now can get 80
to pay \$5,000.00 each -
according to your Ar-
Multiplication table
Although we know
that it would be a
great advantage - to go.

don't tell

again

only change

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

1877 (June-Dec.)



Home novel.

June 8th 1877.

My Precious Starid.

No letter from you this week.
since Sunday. and as we were afraid
you might be waiting for letters
from Home (although we both
wrote short letters to you Sunday
which by the way did not get
started from the hill until
Wednesday.) and as we have con-
sidered to go to the Falls this P. M.
and Mamma had some sewing
which she must do. before we go.
she asked me to write and tell
you the reason. she did not.

This A. M. we received a postal
from Jan. (dated the 3rd)

saying that Miss Edm. came
Saturday night. - We had
written him to let us know when
she came. It has been so
raining all the week. That we
could not get to the Falls
before.

But this morn it
cleared off. and is just
lovely now.

Log J. is at Enfield.

Cousin Frank is engaged to
a Miss Perrotte. of N.Y. Log J
says she is very lovely.

Uncle J. Gustavus has
a little Wallace. 4 months
old. The 25th. Aunt Nina

says it is the best baby she
ever had. She is better
in health than in a long time
before. Much G. says
everything is dying of star-
vation. When he is - people
are actually killing their
sheep - rather than see them
starve.

Mudjitos are "thick
as hops".

They have so many
cows at the other house
that I cannot keep track
of them. Sunday C
pretended she was going
home. but after about
2 hours came back! G.
says you could not find

us away - and I guess it
is ~~the~~ too true. Good
is the best soon -

Aunt A came up yesterday
(her birthday) and looked -
she is so nice -

I guess we will bring
Mild C. back - if she will
come -

Can't you come home
this month? We want
you so much -

I told you didn't I
Paper said to bring
Prof. S. & D

Must stop now
Love from all

F. A. Merriam

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Homewood, N. H.
June 7th 1877.

My Father.

This afternoon, as I had a little time, I thought I would write you a line, to tell you about our visit at the Falls yesterday. Mrs. Clara Wilbur called, just as it was time to start, so we did not yet start, until after 3 o'clock. We stopped first at Mrs. Segars, to see Miss Ella, about coming home with us. On first thinking of it, she did not know she could come, but finally it was decided that she should come up with us, and go home Sunday eve., or Monday morn., as she cannot possibly stay any longer now.

Sister Hogan me a salary -
to keep until she can raise me
another. They are all pretty
well.

This morn. Papa went with Mr
Trust. to see that little red house -
and they decided that the timber
was too rotten. to use. for Grandmother
- ~~house~~ so the whole thing will
have to be maded

Miss Ella is so very lonely.
but although she is very cheerful
usually. one can see that she
has by no means gotten over her
great sorrow.

Enaloid is one of half a
dozen photographs of you -
one would think for the looks -

Home.
June 17th / 87.

My Dear Dear Father.

We were so glad on getting
your letter (Friday) to find
that you were not sick - for
not hearing from you
for almost 2 weeks. I was
very much worried about
you.

The catalogue of
the "Woodluff Ex" came
and it cannot worry
to wait the period I have
given you.

Papa came home
last night feeling
more sick - as he did
not receive any of the

I forgot to note to him
Dad says while he has
a crown left - you will
never stain - so you must
never say anything
about it -

Dad sold his Wis-
saw Bonds - making
\$2,000.00 out of the bar-
gain.

Artie can't you
come home this month
we want you so
much -

Mamma sends much
love -

Ever affectionately
Florence

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Homewood.

July 8th 1877.

My Dearest Fattie.

Although I wrote to you
Thursday. and we have had
no letter from you since. I
don't think you feel ^{well} badly
at getting one from me now.

Fattie dear. can't you
come home before the middle
of July? of course we do
not want you to have ^{unusually} your
work - unwell - but still I am
so afraid you will work too
hard.

Can't you come
home this week? I do want
to see you - so very much -

cousin Frank Collins. came
here Friday afternoon. and
uncle El. came last night.
The former. stays till Tues-
day. The latter. I know not.
Cousin Gertrude. and Eliza
go to-morrow morning. to
see cousin Augusta. in the
mont.

Perhaps Mr & Mrs
North. will be with out
this week.

Gertrude. has a new
sack. and has been wear-
ing a "new man's flannel

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which she says. did her
much good. it pains her
at times. from her waist
up to within a few inches
of her neck. about the
width of half a hand.
on each side of her feet.
bra. What is the trouble?

Will Prof Smith come
home with you?

Grandma's machines
are to be collected to-morrow.

How lovely it would
be to have you here.

I have taken your ad-
vice good old slacking
and have been prudent.

Yesterday Papa took me
to the beach and back

by Grandma's home. and to-
day. Papa took me to the
corner of the woods.

Mr. Fisher has come home
with Kyle. who Mama says
has scarcely grown at all.

✱ ✱ ✱ cousin Frank & Cal.
are. His brother Clinton - is
to meet him and uncle Charles
at Louisville. Tuesday -

I have a tea bell.
so good by night.

Ever affectionately
Florence.

To C. & M.

72 Bryant St

6.30. after supper.

Artie. does not the firm I -

rightly belong to you now?

Much love from all

Sincerely - Florence

My

I have

no time

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to me

Don't Guiltie you in
this paper - it's not
mine!

Florence

Be sure you
write Big from
your big cap
and certain
you will like
it with the same
time - giving
so much
pleasure -
H. M. W.

Mr. L. has taken
the job of
building
house, for
the school

and it's
to be
done by
the school

brother of
mine
present
judicial
a king for
only up
fairly
if that one was
a sample.

to be moved.

My Dearest Brother -

Your letter. to Papa dated

The 9th came this morning.
and I hasten to write and tell
you. what he told me in the
camp. you had better come
immediately. and order all your
letters - as well as the proof sent

here. thereby getting out of the seat. and
being at home. when we all are asking to
have you with us. Now Fannie. is not this
a reasonable proposal? and see how long
it would be. if you ^{will} only come. instead of
staying there. and working ^{yourself} to death - in a heated miserable city -
I think on it decide. and if possible decide
to come. on the next train. after receipt of
this. Cousin Gustave and Lulu. went
away yesterday A. M. and ^{you} C. M. P. M.
and Cousin Frank. to-day. I guess -
Brian B. is here making a call. -
I feel very well to-day - and will all
right. if you will only come home.
Mama. Papa. and all. read much love
and remembrance to the Dr. and family.

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J. D. M.

How much I love you -

do for you all
these flats - but
I could not help
them -
Do take baby in
the morning
and in the
afternoon

M

Good
night.
my friends
Lillian
and all
the rest of
the family

Oct 2nd / 87

My Own Dear Brother

I only have your eyes
trying to read
this. Please.

Although you only left us yes-
terday (it seems an age). I felt
that I must write to you to-day
and you know you said only
yesterday morning that I
might write to you three times
a week if it was necessary. You
can't think how I miss you. Har-
tie - the home seems desolate enough
without your bright face. Churn word.
and the whistle that always makes
you seem near. even when you are
as far away as the Museum.

and I assure you. my darling.
I am not the only one. who feels your
absence. so deeply (although I think
I do more than anyone else). for
Papa spends most of his time. in
the chicken house at work. or
burning brush. out in the woods.
and when he speaks of you. it is with
husky voice. and partly closed eyes.
as my treasure you see how much
much he loves you. - and how he misses
you. when he expects to see you at
the latest in November. so what would
do. if you were to be gone for two
long years? Oh Hattie!

but I'm
for I'm
home. I
such a
After I
went out
what M
By you has
that you
He said to
although
he thought
is right.
don't know
a postcard
The photo
gave me.
to me. for
now I'm
that more

Mamma has
fixed my dress
and I am so
happy. I am
so happy.
I am so
happy.

are don't be.
late to tell me
20 - and I
will make
them so
any for
from the
I can hear
Hattie - at
his house.
The one is
the one is

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Hattie - at
his house.
The one is
the one is

do look so like you -

I wrote to Inez last night - as you requested -

Hartie - if there is nothing much the matter with me - why don't I get well? I certainly do very little - and yet I do not seem to improve enough to amount to anything -

Mama says you want to know all of my symptoms - so if I tell you things about myself - you will know the reason.

Once in a while - when I lift my abdomen up (you know you can by contracting the muscles) I have a sore feeling - quite low down in front - a little to the left. But there something is done for me Hartie? It does not seem as though I was ever going to get well. At this rate - and you know how hard it is for me to be sick - especially when you are away -

Now Hartie you will come in November - ^{now} you darling? I mean of course - if we are here - you from what Papa said the other night. I should not be surprised if ^{we} went to N. Y. this winter -

Give our love to all

My lamp is going out - so I shall have to stop - On my precious - would that I could kiss you - again - With love from all

J. D. M.

I have written often -

your lovely - loving sister -

do forgive me - these letters but

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do look so like you -

I wish to say last night as you re-
quested -

Frank - if there is nothing much the
matter with me - why don't I get well? I
certainly do very little. and yet I do not
seem to improve. I am now
to anything - I have said you must
to show all of my symptoms - so if I
tell you things about myself - you will
under the reason. (I've said this).

When I list my symptoms up - you remember
can by examining the model. I have a sore
feeling with some in front - a little to the left.
And there something is there for me. I wish I
not seem as though I was going to get well. At
this rate - and you know how bad it is for me.
to the sick - especially when you are away -
Now I wish you will come in November. I hope
you starting? I mean of course - if we are here.
For from what Papa said the other night. I should
not be surprised if I went to N. Y. this winter -

Give me love to all
My love is yours - 20 shall

F. D. M.

So far we all
these flats - but
I could not help
them -

To take a day
in the
often

M

Good
night.
my love
travels

Don't
blame
and all
the rest of it
they have

My dear brother -
I am trying to read
time -
I am now up
Please -

Although you only left us you -
Did you go down with Mr. De la Motte?
Friday it seems an age. I feel

That I must write to you. to-day.

And you know I have said - only

Yesterday morning - that I

would write to you three times

a week. if it was necessary - You

can't think how I am doing. The

time - The time seems absolutely enough.

Without your bright face. Cheers, what.

and the whistle that always makes

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to-day. No to from Miss Ellen says Mr D. is better.

and lots of
love to all.
and do write
often.

Oh my sweet one!
how I wish I could
see you. Good bye.

M

my dear
dear Hartie.

Evening
husband.

your
longing
sister

Flower.

Mamma said
much love

Homewood.

Oct 3rd 1877

My Darling Brother Hartie.

Papa had to take a man to
the Port this noon. so although
we were disappointed in not hear-
ing from you this morning.
we were so glad to get your pos-
tal when he returned. You
say you "have matriculation"
and will get soon soon. now Papa
says that you told him that
you would not matriculate.
if you are going on the Expe-
d such is the case. let me tell

you. my precious. that you have
removed a burden from our
hearts. which to me. was at times.
all but unbearable. Hartie.
you must can know what I have
suffered. on account from the ex-
pectation. or fear. that you would
go on this Exped. sometimes it cum-
ulated as though I would go distrac-
ted. possibly. it was selfishness
on my part. but whatever it
was caused by. it was fitted. in
the extreme. and now. my love.
do write us. saying distinctly if
you are going or not. for I dare
not believe the good news. unless

I get it directly from you - please
do not keep me in suspense - any lon-
ger than is necessary -

I wrote to you last night. and
perhaps it is wrong to bore you with
another letter - so soon - but I had
to write. I am so glad you
had a good time at Wica. and
got to N.Y. in safety -

Hope you will be able to secure a real
nice room.

Do you go to New Haven
Friday? if so remember me to the
Dr. and don't forget to give him
my message. Also if you have
time. and upon reconsideration
think I could make a net. Please
make some inquiries. But don't let
Dr. know. That I think of making
one. if you can help it -

Desire to
come back
in November
The S. is
coming
again to-
morrow

You may perceive that you have
worn a burden from our
heart. which to me was at times
all but unbearable. Worth.
You never can know what I have
suffered. or ~~account~~ from the ex-
haustion of feet. That you would
do on this Exped. sometimes it came
red as though I would go delirious.
Wid. possibly. it was self-inflicted
on my back. & I was

I get it directly from you. Please
do not keep me in suspense. Any con-
gratulation is necessary.

I wrote to you last night. And
perhaps it is wrong to tell you. with
another letter. & soon that I had
15 mile. I am so glad you

had a good time at Wisc. what
got to N. Y. in safety.

Hope you will be able to secure a real
nice room.

Do you go to New Haven.
Friday? if so I must write me to the
Di. and don't forget to give him

this time full. While going down
hill. and wrapped a piece of skin. off
from the front of both of his feet.
his - larger than a 2 1/2 lb silver piece.
I feel some better. is okay. I think.

as far as abolition goes. for I have
had a victorious victory feeling. the
are more sympathy. some you have
seen you. I have had more of that
evolution - than before.

Japa is quite delighted to think

you are not going on the 15th.

The weather - and says "it's too cold
to go to visit him."

I'm glad of you to write
as soon - for you know me at -

and lots of
love to all -
and do write
often -

Oh my sweet one!
now I wish I might
see you.

III

Good bye -
my dear
dear Harriet.

Ever in
haste -
your
loving
sister
Florence.

Oct 3rd. 1877.

Mama send
much love

My Darling
Brother Harrie -

Japa had to take a train to

the Fort this noon. so although

he was disappointed we not meet

and from you this morning.

we were so glad to get your for-

ward - when we returned. Oh you

and you "have made a list" -
and will out soon -

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Have you read
one letter from
the Doctor and
several others -
arrived Dec-11-
written to you
at 100 mile H^{rs}
and lately I
have been
happy to hear that
you are well
for you
are
Good bye
Love -
I love you
as ever -
sincerely -

M

Tomwood.

Oct 10th 1877

My Darling Brother.

I have been intending to write to
you - for several days. but I would think
to-morrow he will surely get a letter
from him. so I will wait and write then.
Yesterday morning your postal came.
and this morning your good letter.
Hartie. my precious brother. how could you
have made such a sacrifice for me? Let
me thank you most sincerely my love.
for making it. and let me tell you that. although
I shall always love and respect you more - for it.
my noble brother. and that in time past. I have
somewhat given vent to my feelings - about
the Exped. while writing to you. I am glad -
my glad. that the good Exped people. have dis-
suaded you from your more than brotherly
purpose. and that in the future. I will strive
never to say. or write anything to you. which
will influence you in any way to give up any-
thing which it is for your good. and pleasure
to do. I would not have you - for

As soon as you know what you are going to do - please write:

It is always
so hard to say
good bye - when
I come to the
end of my let-
ters to you -
I feel my noble
darling - to be
in your
deserted
sister's home.
I don't know
how wonderful
a thing it
is - always
giving up going on the Exped. for
my sake. Think, my dear Harriet, how
I should feel. how ashamed I should be -
for not better conquering my feelings -
if you should stay home on my account -
and the Exped should go - and come back
laden with honor - and specimens.
As in the future - my letters seem cold and
unfeeling - to you - you will know the rea-
son. for I shall have the feeling that
I must not - and will not - say any-
thing - which can make you change
your plans. on account of my feelings -
Papa has already spent \$250. and intends
spending \$1000. on the Museum - sim-
ply because he did so that to have you
go on the Exped. and he thought it
might induce you to stay at home -
I mention this merely to let you see -
that I am not the only one - who has
feelings - about your going -
One too - only - let me ask of you - my own
dear brother - and that is - if you have
decided to go. on the Exped. and you feel cer-

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Papa has
Mrs De la
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Prince
do not use

Monday
Constable
It was intended
the past
For a few
was intended

vain that it is going. That you will come
home - to stay the rest of the time. before it
starts.

How is your precious head? take my
advice London - and do not overdo. for if
you go on the 4th Feb. you do not want to
staid. all worn out, and if you don't
go - you do not want to get sick. the
first part of the winter time. do you?

How much I miss you. I shall not say -

Dear Miss Ella. came up ^{with Papa} Saturday P.M.
and staid till this M. she seems to be
feeling better. Masked her to spend the
winter with us. if we stay here. she seemed
very much pleased with the offer. but said
she could not tell just yet.

Your postals I was very glad to get.
as well as the letter.

Papa has gone to Waterdown to the convention.
Mrs De Camp's baby. is very sick. the only
chance for its life. they say. is a wet nurse.

Prince skinned his knees again. so we
do not use him. to drive.

Monday night the steam mill at
Constableville burned. the one Mr J. J.
was interested in. we have not heard
the particulars yet.

For a few days. we thought Grandma
was insane. from what she said. etc.

She threatened to kill herself - often -
but for a day or 20. She seems better.

Mrs Fisher goes away a week ~~leaves~~ -
today.

As to the state of my health.
I am not improving ~~very~~ rapidly. The
bad feeling is principally in my back.
most of the time. This is the first
day of my week. I sleep down stairs
to-night.

My darling Father! but I must
not.

We keep the Museum outside door
locked - also your moss case. The
key of which I keep in my writing
desk. They have put on the tin paper
in the Museum. When the cans are
to go - and yesterday - Papa oiled
the ceiling!

Give much love to all - and don't
lose the chance of your life - on
my account. dear dear Harriet!

Please write as often as is possible.

Mama sends much love.

We have not had any frost yet.

The grapes when picked - filled one
of our large baskets.

Have you read
one letter from
the Doctor and
several others.
My Dear
I have
you. for
to-morrow
from him
yesterday
and I
Harriet. my
have made
me thank
for making
I shall also
my noble
somewhat
the Ex. ped.
my glass.
and you
purpose.
never to
will influence
thing was
and good. to

It is always
so hard to say
good bye. When
I come to the
end of my let-
ters to you.
I feel ^{my} noble
darling. To be
your devoted
sister. Florence.
Isn't love a
wonderful
thing?

As soon as you know what you are going to - please write.
any thing you are going on the 1st Feb. For
my sake. I think, my dear Alice. Now
I should feel. Now acknowledged I should feel.
For not-ditto concerning my feelings.
I you should stay home on my account.
And the Lord should go. And some book.
And with her. And specimens.
I in the future. my letter seems cold and
unfeeling. to you. You will never be in-
con. For I shall have the feeling that
I must not. And will not. say any-
thing. Which can make you change
your plans. on account of my feeling.
I have already spent \$250. and intend
spending \$1 more on the Museum. I will
try to make it as close to \$1000 as I can.
Go to the Lyceum. And the thought is
might induce you to stay at home.
I mention this merely to let you see.
That I am not the only one. Who has
feelings. about your going.
One soon only. before me. of you. my own
dear mother. And that is why you have
decided to go. on the 1st Feb. And you feel as

time that it is going. That you will come
home. to stay the rest of the winter. If you do
not.

There is your precious head? Take my
advice. And do not make. For if
you go on the 1st Feb. you do not have to
wait. all over out. And if you do not
go. you do not have to go. The
first part of the winter. So you
don't much. I am sure. I shall not say.
Dear Alice. I am sure. I shall not say.

And I shall tell this. Mr. The second of
the winter. I shall not say. I shall not say.
I shall not say. I shall not say. I shall not say.
I shall not say. I shall not say. I shall not say.

you probably I am very glad to get.
as well as the letter.

I have had your letter. I have had your letter.
I have had your letter. I have had your letter.
I have had your letter. I have had your letter.
I have had your letter. I have had your letter.

Monday night the steam mill at
London. I have had your letter. I have had your letter.
I have had your letter. I have had your letter.
I have had your letter. I have had your letter.

I am a poor thing. I am a poor thing. I am a poor thing.
I am a poor thing. I am a poor thing. I am a poor thing.
I am a poor thing. I am a poor thing. I am a poor thing.

The French need to kill himself - often -
me for a day or so. - the same letter.

Mr. Fisher goes away a week ~~leaves~~ -
today.

It is in the state of my health.
I am not improving ~~very~~ very rapidly. The
bad feeling is principally in my throat.
most of the time. - It is with the first
day of my week in sleep about 11-12
is - night.

My darling mother! but I must
not.

We keep the Museum outside the
back - also in the case. The
boy of which I speak in my writing
above. - They have put out the lab. paper
in the Museum. - where the case will
be so - and yesterday - I have said
the writing!

Can much for to all - and don't
show how in charge of your life. on
my account. - dear dear mother!

Please mind of him is possible.
Thomas sends much love -
He has not had any food yet -
The grapes from the tree - which are
of our large orchard.

Have you read
one letter from
the Doctor and
several others -

My Darling Mother.

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Thomas.

Oct. 10th / 1877.

Good bye
love.
I will
again -
soon.

you. for several days. but I would think
it - now we will surely get a letter
from him. so I will wait and write them.

Yesterday morning your letter came.
and this morning your good letter.
And my precious mother. immediately you
have made such a sacrifice for me! It
me thanks you most sincerely my love.
for making it. and let me tell you that. although
I shall always be most sincerely your more - for it
my noble mother. and that in kind race. I have
somewhat given me to my feeling. about
the letter. while writing to you. I am glad -
my good. That the good & that people. have as -
and that you from your own brotherly
purpose. and that in the future. I will act in
more so day. or write anything to you. which
will influence you in any way to give up any -
thing which it is for your good. and I shall
never - to do -
I would not leave you - for

ried - Florence - Ch. Morrison.

much love



Homewood.

Oct-13th. 1877.

My Beloved Brother Hattie.

2) We did so hope to hear from you
this morning. But as we did not. I thought
I would write to you to-day. any way.

While I think of them I will give you
the new-burthies.

We are expecting uncle E. a. to-night
to spend Sunday.

Mamma and unch. were gone all day yesterday. Mamma left him at 6. while she went to the Fall. found Miss Ella very well. Mr Dagan. and Mrs Legar better. and Mrs De La^{me} baby improving slowly.

Major Cox's trial has come off. and
he has not ^{been} proved guilty.

Papa wanted me to send you the
enclosed article.

Have you noticed the death
and obituary of Mr. Henry Meigs.
^{railroad} the contractor in South America.
whom O'Brien speaks of?

Did you see the article in the
Tribune of the 12th 8th page. 1st column
about Dr. John Draper's lecture on evolu-
tion? But I suppose you do not
get any time to read now.

You remember that dreadful man.
(one who was connected with the Natur-
alism) don't you? The one who came up

from the Port. and who Papa took
to the evening train. well. at last
he has come out. with an article
headed. "The house at Locust Grove"
and you must read it. When you
come home. it is dreadful.

Grandma certainly must be insane.
Wednesday. (it was quite cold). When
aunt Helen went out of the room for a
few minutes. and when she returned.
Grandma was sitting in a chair ^{without any wraps.} on the
edge of the piazza! looking down. ap-
parently considering an attempt at
suicide. auntie tried to persuade her to
go in. but when she found she would not.
she brought her a shawl. but G. still con-
tinued in the same position. and fin-
ally when she came in. she took her
scarf. and winding it round her throat
began pulling it as tight as she could.
and she then went into her closet and

shut the door. and when Aunt F.
went into the closet. to try and get her
to come out. she was still trying
to strangle herself. and she would
shut the door in her face. of course
all this frightened Auntie. dread-
fully. and as Papa and Uncle Char-
ley. were both away. she did not know
what to do.

The next morn. when
Papa went for the mail. he found Gran-
dama in a dreadful state. apparently she
had taken a hard cold. and she was
nearly strangled. when Dr. F. came. he
said she had not any cold. and that
the trouble was nervous. in the throat.
yesterday it became a fact that she had
no cold but she was determined to die.
to-day. she is well and happy! Isn't
wonderful?

Dr. Brown. Collins friend. has just
walked up from the Port. to stay till the en-
train. it is now 6 P.M.

Auntie. if you are going on the C & P. do come
home.

Have I not kept my endeavor well.
in this letter? Oh Auntie.
Give much love to all. and your loving

Do write often.

How is your head?

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St. Louis - A. Morrison.

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about the door. and when Aunt-^W.
 went into the closet. to try and get her
 to come out. she was still sitting
 in the same place. and she would
 not let the door in her face. of course
 all this frightened Muntie. dread-
 fully. and as Papa and Uncle Sam-
 uel. were both away. she did not know
 what to do.

The next day. when
 Papa went for the mail. he found Sam-
 uel in a dreadful state. apparently the
 heat between a barrel of oil. and she was
 nearly strangled. when Dr. came. he
 said she had not any oil. and that
 the bottle had been in the chest.
 Muntie is a brave a face that she has
 no cold but she was determined to die.
 today. she is well and happy! I don't
 wonder!

Dr. Dimes. both his friends. has just
 walked up from the Port. to stay till the
 train. is upon the 6th.

Charlie. if you are going on the 4th. do come
 home. I am not kept my mother. well.
 in this letter? Or Muntie! -
 Give me a love to all. and your loving

Do write often.

How is your head?
 How do you sleep?
 Good bye. Papa and
 Mamma send
 much love.

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Remembered.

Oct 13th. 1877.

My Beloved Brother Muntie.

We did so hope to hear from you
 this morning. but as we did not. I thought

I would write to you today. any way.
 While I think of them I will give you

the news. Muntie.

We are all feeling well. I was to night
 to spend Sunday!

Mamma and Uncle. were gone all

day yesterday. Mamma left Sunday
 at 6. While she went to the Fall. from
 Mamma's very well. Mr. Dimes. and

Mr. Dimes. and Mr. Dimes. and Mr. Dimes.
 today unknown story.

Homewood.

Oct 16th

(1877?)

My Dearest Lottie,

Papa has written you a few lines.
This morning. so I thought I would
write a short note to send with his.
We were dreadfully disappointed
not to hear from you this morning.
Why don't you write to your mother
could get time to write a few lines
telling us what you have decided to
do. - If you are going on the Exped.
why don't you come home? It
sails the 25th and you have
no more but a few days? and if you
are not going - we want to know it as
soon as possible. - I am afraid

you are sick - as you wrote to tell
you were not feeling well. - do let
us hear from you my precious father
you certainly would take time
to write - a few lines - if you knew
how anxious we are.

Excuse the pen - for I am in

Much love
from
your
devoted
Mama
I
am
quite
well
to-day
by
my
dear
brother

bed - and so cannot use my
mill.

You will be glad to know
(I think) that I was taken sick yester-
day - just one day before the time - and
also that I have had only the least
little bit of pain - but as I feel quite
badly in front - and as I did not keep
quite as well last time - Mama
thought it would be better for me to
stay in bed to-day - at least -

R. F. H. sent you a paper - with an
article in it marked - about Ome-
thology - or girls - do you want
it sent to you?

Mamma went back yesterday -

Please write if you have not -

Mama is very anxious to know if
I have yet to go to N. } For if I have she
wants to arrange for it.

Mama is going to write a few lines -
two or three - I should say -

Please don't work too hard - and

make yourself sick. My dear dear
Hattie -

Don't forget
to send your
bird card
as soon as it
is printed.
Prof. Thoms
has been
writing
something
on the

came to you
this night
into the
country
completing
inside
As you
think
do put on
the suit

would have appreciated what
a bird it is, not to hear from
the person who we know -

when you see post to -
I am so thankful that you
are so well - and that you
are in such good spirits &

God bless you for
you. This is a truly
strange & happy world
receiving home before they
could reach you - the

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murder account the Lord of the Church
starting from 22.9.18. Sunday
to. Went with family as far as White

They said in a note to Mamma -
that she might stay here for 2 or 3
months now, after Dec 3 next -
as her parents are going to Penn-
sylv - & she will be well settled.
How you rejoice then, & hope for
it. Would it be long before she
should be home - the same - but
the improvement you will then bring
to all -

It seems to be growing much faster
I will allow me to ask you
enough to eat my meals and to
feel comfortably—

hoped you had the milk made.
The milk is in the can - the B. Phil.
had the milk made.

See below in full.

at the same time, who is always
gratified to hear from him.

Recent African Archaeology at the
British Museum
The East meets the West

Dear Mary & Mary -
Love from the old hand -
Kathleen.

Don't worry
in the best of
about me -
Hope you
will have a
real nice
visit with the
Dr. ^(my) father
I have intended
going
to Wash-
ington from
N. Y. I have
not
heard
from Mrs
Sequie
since
my last
letter

in the East of
about me -
If you
will have a
real nice
visit with the
Dr. Fisher
I am
to you intend
going
to that
now from
the 1st of June

not
found,
from Mrs
Sequoyia
since
my last
letter.

in the morning - you good
morning letter of Feb. 19th came!

the value of θ is not

Then on Monday 18th and each day
from then on duly observed.

Secretary of the Commission

that you are ready, or else that

boards rather than partitions -

Take the amount of each of the

forward to send this ring -

could have been the shellfish.

and take heart the celebration

— my sense of humor, ~

the "Milkmaid" tradition

and many others

do do
you may
such will
had sleep
me from
winter
winter
Thoreau.

stances. yet it seems now as though
under these new conditions. I
should feel much more resigned
to your going - I certainly
hope that you will be successful
in persuading Bro. Smith to go.
it would make it so much better
and pleasant for you.

I sure to come home in November.
won't you dear?

11 As to Tyrassee. Tapa seems to feel
a little suspicious as to Dr. P. but I
should think Dr. Y. would not
recommend him - on account of his
own reputation - unless he knew
him to be the right kind of a person.
Tapa says back you if you know
Dr. Y. is the same one who was ex-guest
in Philadelphia?

I am so glad you are so well - do you con-
tinue to sleep well?

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words how perfectly delighted I am
that you are not going to leave us
this fall - or what a heavy burden it
takes off - for although when the time
comes I suppose I shall feel almost
as wretched as I have before felt - still I
hope that if I am alive - I will have a little
more strength to bear up with - and 6
months seems so long - that I feel
quite cheerful - as regards the Expt.
and it seems as though I should get well
soon now - for not having the Expt.
to depress me for depression thus far - has
not seemed to help me - very much -

Grandma is as cheerful and contin-
ued - as can be. This day.

Why don't Clint send me his photo? I
am afraid he does not care enough for
me to take the trouble -

I am so very Papa cannot afford to
send you any more stamps at present -
I suppose my going to S. has something
to do with it - but I assure you - my dear
Lina - if I had five of age I could draw
on my little money that would not have
kept the money from you & I'd like it at
least - (for I think it is not very possible
for me to draw on the Bank - I could have
drawn on Papa's if I had need)

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a person -
I know
as a great
to you can

I do hope
 you may
 ask well.
 and sleep.
 I am your
 devoted
 sister.
 Florence.

gained. Let it be no other. Although
 under these new conditions, I
 should feel much more ready
 to send some - certainly
 after that you will be sure to feel
 in measure doing so. I will do so.
 I would make it do much better
 and I would like to see you.

Is there is some more and how much -
more than there?

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 a little suspicion as to Dr. P. but I
 should think Dr. P. would not
 recommend him on account of his
 own reputation - unless he knew
 him to be the right kind of a person.
 I can say that I would not know
 Dr. P. is the same one who was at
 the - "Medical School"?
 I am so glad you are coming - do you an-
 ticipate to sleep - well?

By starting. I cannot express to you in
 words. - nor perfectly describe them. -
 That you are not of mind to have us
 this fall - or that a heavy burden is
 taken off - for although I know the time
 comes. I suppose I shall feel almost
 as much as I have before felt. Still I
 hope that if I am alive - I will know & with
 more strength to travel with. - and to
 mount the horse. - I do not. - that I feel
 quite cheerful. - as regards me I do.
 And it seems as though I should get well
 soon. - for the horse has the cough.
 As respects me for a few days. - has
 not seemed to help me. - my horse.

Thrombolma is a short but most con-
fident. account. They say.

They don't want much more. in photo, & an album and some pictures enough for me is like no more.

I am so very glad you cannot afford to
 send your own note ~~directly~~ to President
 & explain my going to it. Had something
 to do with it, but I presume you - forget-
 ting it & that time of day I do. I would have
 written like a money that I could not have
 kept the money from you & it is at
 least. I for I think it is not my property
 & you do share in the bank. I would not
 have written to you as I do now

Papa and uncle have gone to the Falls.
This m. to attend a temporary inter-
tainment.

My sickness lasted not quite 4 days.
was it it well?

Maona wrote to cousin Anna.
this P.M. asking about rooms. etc.
You have never yet told me what you did
with the milking desk key -

I suppose we shall start for S. Monday
or Tuesday noon. and stay one night
in Utica. Papa intends going with
us. and coming back in a day or two.

Uncle may go to N.Y. this week. but I
doubt if he gets off before next.

When did you get the bottle of med-
icine you sent to Aunt A. with Paul
dang's concern on it?

The woman Aunt A. got in the place
of Maria. is Ellen's sister in law. and
Aunt A. loves her much.

When you get time. write about the
cousins please.

Even uncle B. thinks the new job
arrangement. better than the old.
Beside your two postals. we have
received a letter written the 8th.

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"	"	"	"	19
"	"	"	"	21 ²⁰

if you wish to have
any more -
which is 50¢
to me are more
than 20¢ - all
the while. do
not miss them
at any time.

Then Dec
to you

this morn
came!

from 20.
years!

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and Ma
who had

the same
thanks.

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that you

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would be

at any time

if you wish to have any more - for 5 days - for you wish to have any more - for 5 days - for you wish to have any more - for 5 days -

Ala and more. Some people in the shells.
 No one is allowed a simple name in the
 spirit world.

My sister's last letter not a mile 9 days.
 What is it?

Mama wrote to some one about
 the 27th. Asking about some one.

There have been a lot of me about some one
 with no money at all.

Perhaps we shall start for 3. Monday
 or Tuesday. Now. And a long one night

in the night. Papa is not going with
 us. and some one is not going.

Well may go to 2.3. this week. But I
 don't want to go with you.

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 glad I am you
 are going.

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Tomorrow

Oct 26th/77

My Darling Harlie.
of 23rd.

Your note came this morning.
and a ^{Exhibit} arrival of portals directed to me.
yesterday viz. many thanks, dearie.
I'm so glad. Prof Smith is going.
probably.

Before I forget it. day before
yesterday a little box containing
a birds skull. came for you. do you
want it? I suppose not. I enclose
the address. so that if you have not
heard from the person you may
know where to get it. A pamphlet
called "The Evolution" came for you.
this A.M.

You don't know how glad I am
of the change - or never will. I expect
how kind in Dr. Bacon. to be your
prescriber - but please explain - we
don't understand what you mean.
Mama is going to look for "Dames" and is

carrying at any thing from home. I'm sure as much as to all. melio. anato. and w. and. Helen me darling like me. you de. not to be late.

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who goes down to-morrow with some
business to.

It is so nice to hear from you. very
few days - you don't know how glad
we are to get every word. you write to
us.

Mrs Daniels and Victor Collins
spent the day with Grandma. yester-
day -

Monday nig. at 8 o'clock. it froze
a little. and again last night.

The Museum has been cleaned out.
and examined.

Coming into comparatively active
life again. I find my weak spot.
is my back. also. that I have not one
muscle stronger than any where.

I suppose you saw the Dr. in
N. H. although you do not mention
it. Have the Kitchkins left Madison
yet?

Mrs Sagar. is quite well again.
and Miss Ella Mills that she is pretty
well.

We are expecting Collins and

Sister

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Mr. K

and H. S

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Sister Flo. up this morning.

I am just written to Mary. to let her know that you are going to stay in N. Y.

Don't work too hard. will you. love?

Papa says. "tell Aunt. lots of curious birds come down from the north - whistling 'round here. this morn'g."

5 P.M. Just as I wrote this. Collins and Sister Flo. drove up. and they have only been gone a few moments. Sister F. is very well. she says. she looks un better. than when she was here last. she says it does not - live her to come up here. not as much as it did in June. Mrs D. (her monthly nurse) is to come the 12th of November.

If we have to stay in Syracuse.

long - you will write to us there. won't you. - yet?

Don't you believe Sister I do. will get over
her sickness without much trouble?
I do so hope. she will.

Artie dear. how long do you
think we will have to stay in S. weeks
or months?

We have not heard from cousin
Anna yet.

When are you going to have
your photo taken do get a good one.
if you have to sit several times.

Sister I do misunderstand about
the silk. I am not going to embroider
the afghan. and so as we are going
away. Sister I took it home with me.

Mama says as there are so many things
to do. and as I am writing. she is not going
to. but she says. she loves you. just the same.
We cannot find Darnes.

If you
had given the names of those books
we might have taken some of
them to you.

Papa says you will laugh at us for

My Da
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I'm so glad
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Don't you believe I'll go. I'll get on
myself. without much trouble?
So so hope. she will.

Statie that. For long do you
think we will have to stay in? I
or months? We have not heard from Annie

Annie yet. Then we are going to have
your photo taken. do get a good one.
if you have to sit several times.

I'll do. I'm not at all nervous
about it. I'm not going to be nervous.
The aptham. and so. we are going
away. I'll do it some. with me.

Theresa says as there are many things
to do. and I am writing. she will stay
to - but she says. she will go. find the
the corner of the house.

I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go.
I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go.
I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go.

Don't you believe I'll go. I'll get on
myself. without much trouble?
So so hope. she will.

Statie that. For long do you
think we will have to stay in? I
or months? We have not heard from Annie

Annie yet. Then we are going to have
your photo taken. do get a good one.
if you have to sit several times.

I'll do. I'm not at all nervous
about it. I'm not going to be nervous.
The aptham. and so. we are going
away. I'll do it some. with me.

Theresa says as there are many things
to do. and I am writing. she will stay
to - but she says. she will go. find the
the corner of the house.

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I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go.
I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go. I'll go.

after getting a supper I ^{me} ~~and~~ drove
to Dr. Pease house. which, by the way,
is quite a nice establishment. and
homelike besides. Dr. P. was away - but
Mrs. P. had a little room for us. it
is very little. and not wonderfully
nice but I guess we can stand it
room for a larger one. but to go back
we rested very nicely. and this to-
day. I have felt nearly as well as
usual. is it it splendid. dear.
that I bore the journey so well?
Dr. P. did not have time to see me. till
a little while before dinner. and
when he did. he could not tell exac-
tly about things. for my saddle
was a little full. but I will not
say anything of what he did say.
or do. till to-morrow when he will
be able to tell fully. probably. &
and now for a description of the fam-
ily. etc. Dr. Pease. is somewhat
older than Papa. and has a very
pleasant face. and manner.
The Norths and the family will.
and are perfectly charmed with
them. Mrs. P. is very nice.
There are two children. 2 girls -
one 13. the other 10 or 16. and a boy.
17. They are all. smaller than me.

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Nov 1st.

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This A.M. Dr. P. said to me. That I should
be like one of his children - as long - as I
am here - and that he wanted me to
make myself perfectly - at home - was
it not kind of him - dear?

You will write to us here - won't
you love? You know although
the Feasies are just as kind as they
can be - it is not home - and therefore
we want to hear all the of time - from
our dear ones -

We are in daily expectation
of news from the Falls - although
Sister F. is not going to get her
nurse - till the 2nd.

Nov 1st. Thursday morn.

I did not finish my letter yesterday -
because I wanted to let you know Dr. P's
decision of to-day. He says my trouble is
anti flexion - and prolapsus - the treatment
he has used thus far - is - replacing my uterus
with his finger - and holding it there for some
minutes - to-day he used in addition electric-
city - applying it - by giving me one of the
wires to hold - keeping the other end in one of
his hands - while with the other one - he
rubbed over the abdomen - I in pain
he gave me - was not enough to
amount to anything.

The surgeon in Anna's every little

Dr. Peace thinks we will have to stay
here for a month or so. He said
yesterday - but I have not asked
him to-day.

Mamma says she will not write
to you to-day - because she does not
feel very well. (She was out this morn
shopping - and got very tired) she
sends much love. However -

Grandma had not been feel-
ing very bright - for a few days
before we left.

Direct your letters to us. at 36. Mont-
gomery St. Can Dr. R. W. Peace.
If we are here. When your vaca-
tion comes - you will come up here.
won't you dear? I should feel dread-
fully - if we should lose seeing you.
during your vacations - especially if
you are going on the Ex. pol. in May -
so that we will not see you during
the summer.

Dr. Peace has a carom table -
and he says that I may play
as much as I like.

This is a lovely day.
Vic has gotten some little bugs
on him - red spiders. I should
think - and I killed some 20
many of them. before I came

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cannot pick
them all off?
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here for a month or so. He said
Wednesday - but I have not asked
him to stay -

Thank you she will not mind
to go today - because she does not
feel very well - (she has only this morn-
g shot very kind) and she
needs much more - Tomorrow -
Grandma had not been feel-
ing very bright - for a few days
before she left -

Did not return to us at 36. Mon
morning - It. has 21. F. R. S. was.
I am here. When you see.
Someday - you will come up here.

would you doubt? I should feel greatly - if we should have seeing you standing above meations - especially if you had going on the Exhal-air (Paddy) so that it will not be your driving the summer -
Belair!

Di. There has a camp table -
not in camp that's a wrong place
as much as a third -

This is a lovely day -
We have gotten down with my
on wind - red spiracles, & should
think - and I killed some 20
hundreds of them. Before we are

- if the girls
 cannot pick
 them all off?
 Please
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 to us often
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 We do so
 want to
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 Ever
 your
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Then mostly we came - and so much more -
as the day - yet - The same - 1/4 8

as we have got. The same is the case
particular about an hour ^{and} before the
time and day about at this date
for the and had a nice hat and a

gave us a real good lunch. and

upon me went away. - Bothma. - I
of the - and the day - down - so we
had a nice little visit upon we started
to soon as we reached Uteas - as I was not
much tired. - I was disappointed to
Anna - that we would be in on the 6th.
train. - and then we went up to the
North. - (The 7. train is at the depot.)
then I was down - until it was time
to leave. - we took a Palace car. - and
reached the about 6.30. without
feeling very tired. - I am thankful
to say - we took a seat - at the depot.

Journal.

Oct 31st / 1877.

36. Montgomery St.
Nov 4th / 1877

My Own Darling Artie -

Just a few lines. I must
write to put in with Emma's
letter.

The Pease's are so kind
and nice. That it seems more like
home. than any other place
in this city. certainly -

Dr. Pease wants me to take sing-
ing lessons. of a lady here. who
he says - is one of the finest
teachers in the country.

Oh my precious! you don't
know how often I think of
you - or what loving thoughts
I give you - if I could only
get hold of you. and kiss
you - you - words can't
express what you are to
me - my precious darling brother

The family are my intelle-
tual - and it is a pleasure to
associate with them -

Do write to us real often -
won't you lovey dear?

It was real good - of you - to write
to us so soon darling - and I as-
sure you - we were delighted
to get your letter - if it was
short -

But I must stop - for
it is time to mail this -

Believe me - my precious
treasure - to be ever your
devoted sister -

Flora A. Murrian

Please don't work too hard -
pet - will you - you know
your health is of the first
importance to you -

Good bye again - your
lovely one -

36 Montgomery St. Syracuse.

November 8th 1877.

My Beloved Brother Harri-

Your good letter came Tuesday morning - with one from Collins - telling us of the arrival of our reptun - is it nice? (Poor dear Sister Elsie! We rec-

not a note from Collins this morning - written Tuesday - she was then feeling quite well - I do so hope she will get along without any more trouble - or suffering - one from Miss

Ella - and another from Papa - written

Tuesday - saying the snow was 6 inches deep -

Your letter was spoiled - my darling - by one sentence at the end -

I have been looking forward to your November vacation - ever since you went away - and now to lose it all - is too much -

dear. Why can't you come up on the night train - and go back on it also -? That would make you stay two days longer - you know -

Of course if it would give you more

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with us all winter -
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arrival - and
hope you will
be able to stay
with us all winter -

My love to all
the family -
and to all
the friends -
and to all
the friends -

Love
from
Sister
Elsie

Harri

November 8th 1877.

Stick one of your letters in my pocket all the while - Answer as you can - I am sure the old man

please to stay where you are - or to spend
the time away - somewhere near - I should
be the last one to ask you to come here
otherwise I beg of you to come - even if
you stay but a day or two - you don't
know how I long to see you - my
precious darling -

Please excuse these dreadful
flots - but my pen keeps coming out -

We had a little snow storm here -
Saturday night - I think -

Do write as often as you can dear
your letters are such a comfort -

Was North told ~~was~~ while we were
in Wisc. that the Dr said he was
going west with his father some time
in Oct - and that he would stop there
on his way - Did you know it?

We expect now - if we get a satis-
factory letter from Papa - to stay here
till March! Dr. Pease says we could
not go home for two months - at all - and
after that - we would have to come down
to hear - for the trunk -

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here. to stay first ~~two~~ weeks. and then
three. This you see - would not pay
pecuniarily - or physically - for the
servants would have to stay there - and
Papa would have as dead as fully
lively time. Then we might get snowed
in - or tip over - and I might get sick -
thus lose than losing all I had
gained -

Whereas. if we stay here -
Papa can go to Washington or where
ever he likes - shutting up the house -
or else getting Lambert Miller and
his wife to stay in it - and take charge
of the farm! etc. and I can be here -
under Dr. Pease's eye - all the while -

Don't you think it is a good plan?
They are all very kind - and we are
getting to feel quite at home.

There was a little girl here - a day or
so ago - who has curvature of the spine -
and cannot use her feet - at all - Dr. Pease
has been putting on plaster of Paris fan-
dags - and kept the last one on her

When she was here - she is so very much
a dear little thing - her name is Clara
Kellogg - and the worst part is - that she
will probably never get the entire use
of her feet -

From Collins letter this morning -
I should judge that he was beginning
to feel quite fatherly -

They have a real sweet tooth for me
here.

here. Her cousin Anna read
by every ~~other~~ -
P. S. Call at Sunday afternoon

Clas called Sunday afternoon
he looked quite respectable - and
from all we hear. I should sup-
pose he was keeping himself very well.

Did you feel the earthquake?
They did at home and a good many
people did here - but we did not -
we are quite provoked about it -

If we stay here all winter - I want to
live here - don't you think it would be
nice? Aunt Helen has offered

[illegible]

of her - but I am afraid her white coat - would save them all up -

I have been thinking of you
 very much lately, and wondering
 how you are getting on. I hope
 you are well and happy. I am
 still in the same old place, but
 I am doing my best to make
 the most of it. I have been
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My dear Aunt -
I am prevented from writing
to you for some time - I will reach you
in a few hours later. I have been intended
to see a little home with some of your
family - but as I have been so busy
that I should have to go back to stay
alone - As to our remaining here all winter
the doctor said we should have to stay about
two months now - & return two or three
times after that, to stay from one to three
weeks each time - As the going & coming
in the winter season would be attended
with a good deal of expense & I wish to
find as your father would necessarily
ride, he left alone, much of the time,
and moreover, as he had said before
on leaving home, that if it should
be necessary for us to remain all winter
he would go to N. York or Washington
to remain during that time - and as
I have many advantages here which
I could not, at home, have had
thought on the whole, it would be
best to stay here - The Pease's oldest
daughter is nearly 2 yrs older than I -
an excellent scholar & a very good girl, &
a very desirable companion for I - She
is willing to aid I in my studies, if I
should require - There is an excellent teacher
of vocal music here who will probably
give lessons - if we remain - The
objections to our staying here are - 1st that
Dupa cannot be with us - that is, he
could not be contented in Syracuse
with nothing to do - The 2nd is that we
cannot have good winter clothing all
year & vacation - which is a serious

of no little regret - by an answer to
him how long you vacate on it &
at what time in March you will
return home - Your father now thinks
that he will winter here Thomas ^{Stacy} stay
in ~~our~~ house all winter on the Lambert
Mills & his wife - then he thinks we
are ready to go home - we mean to do
without the discomfort of opening the
house in cold weather - In this case
he will be home during the holidays -
As to your supposition that I have heard
what to do & how to do it - you are
mistaken - see this - we would
and it seems to me. During the
winter season, when I is subject
to colds etc, it is well to have her
under the doctor's eye all the time
although, of course, diseases of brain
kind are more prevalent in city
than in the country - Ella called
~~The House~~ last evening - said he had
just rec'd a letter from Eliza -
The morning after your last letter came
Mrs J. Bagg called upon me -
(she is an intimate friend of Mrs
Beane & a very superior woman)
& Mrs D. ~~told~~ ^{told} her of your request
with regard to her niece - She said
she would see that your request
was complied with
Mr Oles of New York is coming here next
week - to stay a few days - Mr D.
thinks very highly of him - I
wonder C. seems to feel a little sore, at your
deciding to room with him - but I don't
see how you could well give justice to
my ~~landlady~~ ^{landlady} & Eliza's opinion as to your
now - at all - weather -

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36. Montgomery St. Syracuse. N. Y.

Nov 15th 1877.

My Darling Brother Harrie.

Your letter of the 11th we were very glad to get. day before yesterday.

Papa came here last night and brought dear little Cic. and left us again. this P. M. I think probably Mama will take Cic back when she goes - as the Pease's have a cat which seems very anxious to make a meal of him. Besides he would have to be in a little cage - if he were here - and so I think he would probably be happier at home.

Mama will go home Monday next - very likely - when the girls will be sent home - and either Thomas or Sam - but Miller - and wife - will be installed in the house - having the necessary for a bedroom - and the back part of the house for me - the front being put up - at least that is the present plan.

Please write in your next - answers to these questions - as it is important for us to know on account of making our arrangements - viz - how long is your Christmas vacation? will you spend it all. This

ning. to spend Sunday. Friday evening. Dr. Pease is going to give them a dinner and Saturday evening a reception all which I will tell you of - after its occurrence.

I received the nicest letter from Grandma. the other day. a four page one - and written so nicely. for one of her age. etc. - perhaps I will send it to you some time. if you would like to see it.

How are the dear uncles. Jimmie. Gussie. and Charles? and the cousins. Clintie. Alvin. Louise. and Walter? Please give me so much love to all of them. for me.

Perhaps we will go home for the Christmas holidays - it would seem such a pity. if we could not have a home gathering. this year. if you are. Oh Harry! I cannot say it.

the 22nd
day.

Dr. Pease
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Mrs P. opposite
Wednesday

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My dear Cousin Anna - nearly every
day -

Dr. Pease thinks you must be
a wonderful young man -

This is the greatest family - for
long. Mrs. Pease gives her son Harry
50 cents a week - for not using any
of it - at least she is going to for a
month - when she thinks - if he has
repaired so long - he will not use it
at all -

Mrs. P. is so kind - she made a
curtain for our door - so that we
could keep it open - (for you must
know we are in the heart of the fam-
ily - the bath-room is on one side of ^{us} -
the ^{on} the other - the girls and Dr. Pease
Mrs. P. opposite -

Wednesday - I did not finish
my letter last night - because I at-
tempted one from you this morn - and
mine could not have gone till
morn - any way -

1/2 per Europe.
Good bye
Love and
affection
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I am writing to
 if you have
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dearie?

Dr. O. C. ...

[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page]

The more delighted this trip - than
we forward a letter from you. But
Dr. Foster! Heads do not make so
much - you must not - really -
you will get yourself into a dangerous
condition if you do -

From do home - for Xmas. and do. I
I would have it the time - with us - for many
days could you stay - I would be
real nice - if you could come back the
with us - thus saving Japan's coming -
travels being back & comforts. to us -
I would be gratified. I think -
this time being with - De. I see let

me go left and storm stairs. etc. etc.
and I have felt with affection it -
with to us often - and study too -
I think it will be better for you than
else heard - my own amusing -
now I long to see you -
even is your health. I must see, and
how do you sleep?

I think it a shame we are chan-
ged out of your relations - however
I can write this nig - that I like of
with you - some hours - daily -
I can see a great advantage to
of you - I do see you and your

Then do the best for Europe!

Good bye
I hope you will forgive me. for not
writing before. really. I think you would
if you had been here - immediately I mean -

The more so very - not to get a letter from
you - this morning. but a letter came from
Japan. and a "line" - from you - aware -
for which we send many thanks - also.
for the "Herald" which came. some days
since - we were very much interested in
the article. marked -

A letter from Japan. the other day - in -
closed. the enclosed note. from Berlin.
which he asked me to forward to you -
Italian letter from G. says all is going on
very nicely. I am so glad - and your note.
dear?

De. I see that so many patients
are hardly has a moment's rest - although
the has but little outside practice - and
very seldom goes out nights -
De. I do so coming here. with his hope
and strength. I think. I wish you -

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My Darling Fannie -

I take this opportunity
of writing you a few lines -
while Mama is getting packed
preparatory to leaving me
for nearly a week - you can
imagine how lonely I will
be - but how much less lonely -
than if we were at a boarding
house -

Mama has made a
lovely little cloak for the
baby - which she is going to
take to him -

What do you want to have
them name our nephew? I
want them to call him -

Francis. Hart. Harrison -

Hart Francis. would not

sound well - would it - dear?

Mama has just taught me
a "Grammar" which I intend
studying. This winter - so I
I write everything to you -
which is ungrammatical -
I wish you would let me
know it -

Now darling - again -
I really cannot bear to think
of your working so hard -
really - it is dreadful - I
think if you go and put your
self into the condition you
were ⁱⁿ last summer - with all
your knowledge of what a
dreadful thing it is to be over-
worked - you will be doing
very wrong - don't you - love?
now please - for the sake of
those who love you - if not

With much love to blithie. and all - On your devoted

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Mamma has just thought me
a "Cammie" - which I intend
shipping. This suits - so I
I write any thing to you -
which is very sentimental -
which you would let me
send it -

From Darling - again -

I really cannot see to think
of your mothering so hard -
well - it is absurd - I
think if you do not put your
self into the position you
are in fact enormous - which all
your knowledge of what a
useful thing it is to be in -
works - and with looking
you must - about you - long?
now please - for the sake of
those who love you - at least

With much love to blistic. and all - ^{devoted} ^{distur} ^{August}

Spencer Nov 23/78

I have really been to
write you a hearty note this
evening as I am preparing to
go home to - business for a
few days - I want to arrange
things at home. so the girls
can leave - and Thomas
I hope be able to send things
home with the horse -
Thomas is so well acquainted
I feel so much at home here
now. that I think he will be
quite contented without me
I am further than I ever
of any - you have for the
holiday - so if you will
excuse - we shall perhaps
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I am afraid you are making
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My dear Aunt

Spencer Nov 23/77

I have only time to write you a hasty note this evening as I am preparing to go home to-morrow for a few days - I want to arrange things at home, so the girls can leave - and Thomas & wife or else Lambert & wife come into the house -

Thomas is so well acquainted & feels so much at home here now, that I think she will be quite contented without me. I am father thinks favorably of our going home for the holidays - so if I. is well enough - we shall probably go, unless the weather should be too unfavorable.

I am afraid you are working quite too hard again - 16 hours a day is too much

by several hours, for a young
man of your age - Because
I have just rec'd a letter
from Mrs Baldwin inviting
your father & myself & J. to come
& spend some weeks with
them in New York as they
have just taken a house No
53 West 38th St - She wished
me to ask you to call on
them - I have you have
called on Mrs Buckley before
this - Mrs North was here
this P M. One of her sisters
is coming here for a few
days next week - which
will be very nice for I
they are very good friends of
the Peares - I could put
her back somewhat, but she
seems to be doing very nicely
I want to invite you while
I am packing - so I'll receive the
rest of the paper from her - I shall
take a nice little present from my
grandson - Ever with love
Wm. H. W. H.

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 Mother
 and
 March
 36. Montgomery St. Lg. R. 2.
 Worcester 32nd 1877.
 I am your
 dear
 friend
 John
 Charles
 and mother.

Your two letters of the 25th & 6th

I was very glad to get. that is. I would have
 been. if the last one had not told me of
 your being sick. I am so so sorry. dear
 and I feel so worried about you. Please
 take better care of yourself. avoid taking
 cold. and above all things. don't work so
 hard. You certainly ought to know.
 better than any one else. the dreadful
 consequences of over work. and know-
 ing by experience. you should take war-
 ning. I am afraid you think.
 from my not writing. especially after
 hearing that you were sick. that I
 have lost some of my ardent love for
 you. if so. my precious pet. please

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I must use to come in & see you

dismiss all such thoughts from your
mind. immediately. I love you as
ever - with my best love. The reason I have
not written - since your return - is
because Mama was away - and I fear-
ed I would not be able to finish the
Xmas present I was making for her -
and which Miss Eliza Comstock was
showing me about - before Mr return -
and the time Miss E. was to leave - now
the two last mentioned events have
transpired. I hasten to let you know
the reason of your little sister's negli-
gence - and to beg you "forgive and for-
get" - Do let us know if you are better -
or how you are. I am so very anxious
to hear - it almost breaks my heart to
think of my dear Martin - sick and
in a city - away from his Mother and
sister who love him so well -

Mamma came back. Friday night - you
can imagine I was delighted to see her -
she liked the baby ever so much - Sister
Flo. is very well she says -

The snow here - is nearly an
inch deep - and I expect it will
be drifting now -

Miss Ellenor came here. Satur-
day afternoon - and did not leave
until yesterday morning - she is
perfectly lovely - One day last
week Dr. Pease gave me a splendid
ride - he took me to a Mr Davis's
house. They are very wealthy - and
have a beautiful place - Mr D.
was in the car with uncle Gustavus
and at Dr. P.'s request - he let me
wander around the house -
while he was busy with his patient -
the curiosity that I was the
most interested in - was a

sea horse - in Zoology - a morse
 or walrus - a species of Trichechus -
 a fish of the genus Hippocampus -
 allied to the mud looper fish -
 "having a Puckish tail" - we found
 a picture of it - giving just the
 common name - and as I wanted
 to ask you about it - I looked in
 the dictionary - and then copied
~~it is~~ so that you would be sure
 to know - What I meant - have
 you any of them in your col-
 lection?

Will you be able to come back
 here with us - on our way back? I
 want you to see Dr. Pease - he is so
 nice - I am almost sure you will
 like him -

Are the Hotchkisses going
 abroad - in the spring? and is the
 Doctor going with them?

I hope you had a lovely time

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are more - in Poetry - a model
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 a fish of the genus "Cyphocephalus."
 allied to the mullus or pike fish -
 having a "ricken-like" tail - we found
 a picture of it - giving just the
 common name and as I wanted
 to ask you about it. I looked in
 the dictionary - and then asked
~~you~~ - so that you would be able
 to know what I meant - I am
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 lection.

Will you be able to come that
 the ~~month~~ in our way back? I
 want you to see Dr. Peck. He is so
 nice - I am almost sure you will
 like him -

Are the Hotchkiss going
 abroad - in the spring? and is the
 Doctor going with them?
 I hope you have a lovely time

Now darling
 do write
 and let
 us know
 how you
 are.

I am
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 love
 from
 your
 darling
 father

I am in the city of the 25th 86 -
 I am very glad to get that is. I would have
 been - if the last one had not told me of
 your being sick. I am so sorry. I shall
 and I feel so worried about you. I shall
 take this case of yourself - avoid taking
 cold - and above all things - don't work so
 hard. You certainly ought to know
 better than any one else - the disadvantage
 of coming round of one more - and then
 being so exhausted. you should like me -
 darling - I am afraid you think
 from my not writing - especially after
 I have said that you were sick. That I
 have not done of my utmost love for
 you - if so my father will feel - please

J. B. Montgomery St. Syracuse.

December 3rd / 1877.

My Precious Twenty-two Year Old -

I wish you a very very - "Happy
New Year" - and as many returns
of the day - as you could desire -

Birthdays were such nice days. That
we ought all to be together - to en-
joy them - but as that seems impossi-
ble the next best thing - appears to
be - for all the rest of the family -
to write "birthday letters" to the absent
loved one - and by way of congrat-
ulation - and to show in a small
manner our love - send little little
gifts -

My gift to you - dear Broth-
er - as you see - is very small - and
insignificant - although I was very

anxious to raise it just the opposite.
But as you were so far off - and
things broke by travelling - I was
obliged to put up with this little
offering - still - if you will use it
constantly - and think of the little
sister who loves you so dearly - while
doing so - I will not feel so badly -
for really - I am almost ashamed
to offer you - such a trifle -
Oh! my precious darling - how I long
to kiss you - Oh Lottie! when will
you be - next Dec. will that dread-
ful ocean ^{separate} ~~divide~~ us? Oh! I can-
not bear the thought - it is too dread-
ful - but I am rapidly breaking
my promise - made to you in
October - so I will stifle my feelings.

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my feelings.

Doctor Pease told me. a day or so ago
that now I was ^{at} liberty to do any-
thing. except horse back riding.
that I chose! is it not lovely?

Oh! Fannie. do take better care
of yourself - for my sake. and
Mamma's. if for nothing else -
please get well. as soon as it
possible.

Please give my love to Charlie.

Write soon to us. my loved
one. Oh! Fannie. but never

worry. I must say good

night. Ever your devoted
Flourne.

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Montgomery Sc. 12
Dec 9th / 877.
My Darling Harlie -

I am afraid you think I have
done nearly as badly this ^{time} morning
as before - about writing. for it
is nearly a week since I wrote
you last - but I have been real
busy - getting ready for Xmas -
Now dear. I am going to ask
you to let me write the rest
in pencil - it takes so much
less time. and I am afraid
it will be dark before I finish
This last has been quite a
treat as well as good work.
and certainly a very pleasant

one for me. Wednesday
evening. Harry and I
went to "Meeting Opera House
to see Joe Jefferson" and
oh! how I enjoyed it! it
was perfectly splendid -
and I would not have
missed it for anything -
although it was a rainy
night -

Thursday
evening. Mama, Ella, Minnie
and I went to an "Authors
Carnival" which is being
held here. It is an enter-
tainment for the benefit
of a church and is really
very nice. There are 12

or more footstools - each to
represent some author's
works - for instance - one
is the "Walter Scott" footstool
and in it - is a lady dressed
to represent Rebecca - another
to represent Robsart. Lord Linc
ter. Lord of Linc - Lady of
the lake - etc - etc -

Friday ev. we went again
to Miling - to see the Tristram
and Isolda play. It was
beautiful - The bride was
lovely - and the little Min
net dances - were exquisite.

Don't you think the above
show that I am useful?
either when you consider

write of him in no just - true - good -
 words - just as soon - as is
 possible - After that
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What's more feeling more the
world - so much gayly - the
shells & shells on the side
in the gallery? I think it
does -

At the morning of the
Do Passes - the performing in
operation.!! I have it in my
my longed for career - as I was
early - in life?!! Well the
may it happened. was this. I
my ment into the office - and
found a man - for whom his
father was just about to leave
a fellow - when he came back - in
about me if I had said - would
like to see him - father's name
an operation - and what then?

What's more feeling more the
world - so much gayly - the
shells & shells on the side
in the gallery? I think it
does -

After this
long chat -
it seems
like I've
talking with
you - I
hate to
but must
be
now
have
I am afraid from this I am
some nearly as really this morning
before - about nothing. for it
is nearly a week since I wrote
you last - but I have been real
busy - getting ready for Christmas
from about. I am going to be
you to let me write the rest
in pencil - it takes so much
time. and I am afraid
is - with the work. before I finish
this last - has been quite a
busy as well as good week.
and certainly a very pleasant

would - even so much - at which
he immediately went to ask
his permission. Some-
and soon returned with the
message. That Dr. F. would let
me know as soon as he was ready
to make a short story long -
he soon asked me if I should like
to help him - I said very much
so he ushered me into his office -
and gave me the ether bottle &
saying to judge the man's hand -
with - you - and while he was
sawing it - The operation -
you can imagine I enjoyed
very much especially so - as the
poor man declared it did not
hurt him in the least -

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book -
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with these & have
the following up for much of
the day, thank

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days - they can
come I was
Ginnie and
Alvina - are to
This morning
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ster - and
Lantigua and
I think we
have arrived

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days - they can
come Xmas -
Ginnie and
Alvina - are to
This morning
The Pearl's
thorp Thiel
ster - and
Lantigua and
I think we
have arrived

From "Fratelli" starting at once
 that I have told you the news -
 I will tell you. Now - Thank -
 you I am - that you are so
 nearly well - about how the
 legation business is going on
 with - I should have to
 thank you - that you are so
 about writing so much of
 about meeting - that
 "It is well - that is well -"
 I will be sure -
 De Paris goes with it - it is
 a pleasure to know you are
 to remain in the country
 might be so much that you
 might be here - he is to be
 about the same -
 The new road is to be
 the old again - I am
 the rest of the country is

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at to hear of
any one
nearly all
Gongine

The Harbinger arrived
 last week - and the
 says they cannot come
 home Xmas - as uncle
 Jimmie and family and
 Auntie are to be with them
 of his morning. I went with
 the Pearl's to hear the Cal-
 throp-Universalist min-
 ister - and we had a truly
 beautiful sermon - which
 I think Uncle Charles would
 have enjoyed - He is

Young men for taking up for much of the time.
With these 8 pages - and a very good one -

a splendid man - so very
intelligent

Please give my love to un-
cle Charles, Auntie and
all the rest -

Cousin Anna still has
her little bee - I do
not know whether we will
take her home with us
or not -

Dootie is to be here this
week - but not till after
my home - I fear -

I would wish to hear
him -

Ela takes part in
the Antioch Carnival -

"Macy, Queen of Scots" -
perfectly lovely - she looks
exactly as I have always

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a splendid man - so they
intelligently

These give my horse to me
etc & packed. Wanted and
all the rest -

Convinced I never shall be
able to do this - I do
not know whether we will
take him down with us
or not -

Do this is to be sure this
week - but not till after
midday - I don't
know whether to take
him

Don't take him
the afternoon -

"Why, I don't see how
possibly early - she doesn't
exactly as I have always

should. I need not make
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his - I am sure. Some-
and soon returned with the
message that he should be
me and as soon as he was ready
to make a short story long -
he was asked, and I should like
to help him - I could say much
so he asked me into his office -
and gave me the other bottle &
saying to keep the men hard
and - I don't know how
knowing it - the operation -
you can imagine. I enjoyed it
very much - especially so. with
from man observed it did not
but him in the last -

Lyons Falls,
Friday eve'g.
E Dec 1. 1877

My darling Hartie.

"So far so good" as the saying is, or, in other words, we have come thus far on our way, without accident. The journey was tiresome, especially as my cough & cold was in running order.

Your umbrella is safe and sound, having been handled gently and touched with care!

We had a perfectly splendid time in N. Y.; at least, I did, and it was so lovely of you to take me to so many charming places; I fear I did not half tell you how much I enjoyed it; or how thoroughly I appreciated your thoughtful kindness in giving me such pleasure. The trip has been a most delightful one, in all its "details," and will not soon be forgotten.

The little boys are getting to be real cunning, and they go toddling around like the little men they are.

I think I made the most of my time
in N. Y. for I certainly saw lots.

I suppose we will see Grandma,
+ Auntie, to-morrow.

All the family have gone to an
"old tyme" concert, so Mama + I, are in
"single blessedness."

They have heard of the "Pinafore",
away up here, is n't it queer? its being
played in Cincinnati and Albany.

We came up on the call, with a whole
batch of Syracusans, one of them being
Mrs. J. L. Daggs' niece.

Snow in Utica about 15 or 18 inches
deep, and much more here.

Mrs. Sutton is quite well now.

Love to Clint + kind regards to Dr. A. K.
Please dont work too hard now, but
be moderate, and remember that you
will ^{be} anxiously looked for two weeks from
now. Ever your most loving little sister,
Florence.

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love to
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Lyons Fall.
Dec 14th / 1877.

My Dearest Lottie -
Your good letter. we were
ever so glad to get. early in
the week. and the photograph
case. which you sent. was
lovely. and I thank you for
getting it. ever so much.
I think it is too bad. about
Lottie Bridgman. we dont want
her then Christmas. And
it may be still worse. next
spring -
I wrote you a
postal yesterday. in
which - to let you know.

that you had been recalled.
He started from home.
I was going to say - for it seems
almost like home now.

yesterday morning - and
while he was waiting for
the C. & P. E. Train - had
quite a nice little visit
with Mr and Mrs Dexter.
They are both well - and
very anxious to have you
stop to see them - on the
way up - and Mrs D. offer-
ed to have the door unlocked
if you came on the very
early arriving train -
so that you could come

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Please
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cessora in and to them - They
home. very kindly invited me
it seems to which as far as I
- and with you. When you
went back and remain
with them. until she
was ready to start for
after closing the house.
She said also. That she
would like to arrange it
so that I and Mrs.
Peake could be there at
the same time - and
see you. Would it
be lovely - Just before
our arrival. Papa came
to the Port. to see us and

took Doc Fask. with him -
while we came on to the
Galls. where Collins met
us - with a wagon. as the
sleighing was all gone -
He found them all very
well. the baby is quite a
nice little kid. But I can
hardly realize that the
happy couple who love
him so much. are his
Papa and Mama.

This morning we went
over to see dear Miss Ella -
who is pretty well. her
grandfather is not ex-
pected to live -

to say. the fact of our going to visit your
son. very soon to all -
My Dear
Your
son is very
the week -
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While I am so young - are coming

Papa came while we were
 there - and after a while
 decided to take Mama
 home to-day - and leave
 me here for a little - to
 see Sister Flo - before you
 come -

And now dear Father -
 I feel it to be my duty - to
 tell you what a dreadful
little dunce - I made of
 myself last Monday -
 it needs no prelude -
 Harry called to me - that
 his Father had some
 work for me to do in the

I was so much surprised & I don't know

Apr 20 I went down.
Feeling a little delighted
that Dr Pease should
have allowed me to sit-
ness and perhaps aid-
in another operation.
I found Doctor Pease un-
der a man's hand of
which two fingers had
been horribly cut up-
one nearly off by mach-
ine. I watched him
and handed him little
things - until the the
worst finger was nearly
finished - when things

began
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Began to grow foolishly
again - and Dr. F. looked up -
and sent me to the lounge -
just in time for me to
get there! no more! and
for a little time I lay
in rather an uncomfor-
table condition - so
that I spent most of the
afternoon on the sofa -
and had a queer feeling
in my head the rest of
the day - You cannot
guess how awfully
provoked I was. That
I should have done such

8.
a stupid thing - But
I comforted myself
what - by saying that I
would overcome the
ridiculous practice -

It was real hard to learn
the "Pease" hand -
so kind to us - that we
have gotten to love them
very much -

But I must stop -
Mother and Sister & Co -
send their love to you -
and say they are very
anxious to see you -

Good bye - for this

Mine I am so - all coming

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Dapa came
there - and
decided
home - to
me here for
see - Sister
come -

I had no
I feel it to
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Harry call
his father
work for me

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

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Saturday nig.
1878?

My poor dear Harrie.

We were very sorry to hear, yesterday nig., that you were sick; it is too bad now when every minute is precious, although perhaps on the whole, it is better for you to be obliged to take a little rest, for everybody ^{knows} you would not unless compelled: it is a great comfort to know that our dear Miss Ella is with you, for that means you will have the best of care, from the loveliest nurse. Do let us hear how you are, each day, and get well just as soon as you can, my dearie.

Mrs. Robt. has invited us to spend a week with her, & we will probably stop over a day

on our way to N. Y.

Papa says to tell you his chicks have come home, & the missing ones are not among them, so if you receive them, of course you will not use them until Papa countermands his order, for he has written not to have the money paid.

It is a lovely morning, and I hope you will enough to enjoy it.

Give ever so much love to dear Miss Elia, and ask her to write us.

Hoping to hear ^{by} this mail that you are better, Hastily, but
Ever most lovingly,
Florence.

I have been thinking of you
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32. Broad St.
 Jan 5th 1888

My Beloved Darling Brother Lizzie.
 You do not know how much
 I love you. I was so glad to hear
 you go. Wednesday night. you
 are so very dear to me. That it
 really makes my heart easy
 time I have to sit with you
 for a little time. Oh! Lizzie.
 The postal which you were
 so very kind as to write me.
 Letting me know your safe ar-
 rival in N.Y. I was ever so
 glad to get it. so Lizzie had to
 keep in a top. Search. After
 all - did she? The Norths

are quite anxious to know whether
you frightened us with the alli-
gator or not -

I am now expecting to go to
Squaw Lake Monday. - I don't
know if it will be a good one. I do not know
when she will be able to go back.

Oh! my darling - I do so long
to see you and to kiss you once
more but I suppose we cannot
always be together - and I
ought to be thankful for the
little visit. I shall write you
instead of troubling you and giving
so far from home it is at an
end - But I fear I am a very un-
grateful creature - never being satis-
fied when my treasure
leaves me -

That
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love
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if you
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While I think of it - Mrs North
and Miss Elmore send their
love - and want to let them know
how the alligator reached N.Y. -
if you recall Julia with it etc.
and Mrs N says she hopes it is
a skeleton by this time - Mr N.
says he is going to write to you.

Last night we had quite a
time - in the first place - there
was a fire on the next block -
which the Nalls went to see -
then we had a literary club
- entertainment - Mrs N. and
her sister reading for us -
and the rest visiting - which
was very nice - except that I
was so frightened - that I for-
got half of mine - and made a

you must
forget your
little
amongst
the busy
time. but you
too. riding in
the wilds of
the north

horrid back of it -

I suppose you are hard at
work again. and have almost
forgotten by this time. that

you have seen at home at all.
But I have not forgotten it. dear

I assure you. even though I
did not see but a very little of
you. it was so much to know you
were within such a distance.

And miles that we know
has come at last. and that

The thermometer is at 10°
There is very good blighing
here.

Please write darling.

but cannot
keep in
the morning
sun.

With a week
glad to go

They believe
you are
silly but
you go. The

are so very
silly. I am
time I have

for a little
The horse
so very. The

letting me
visit in

glad to go
sleep in
all. oh

all. oh

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I suppose you all heard at
work again - and have almost
forgotten by this time. That
you have seen it none at all
but I have not forgotten it. I
promise you - even though I
did not see it in my little of
them - it was worth to know you
were making such a distance.
I wish you to that. I know
nothing at last. And that
the thermometer is at 10°
There is no good sleeping
now.

I cannot
 keep on
 writing you
 now.
 With a heart
 full of love
 and tears.
 I remain
 ever your
 most loving
 sister.
 Lillian

32 Grand Ave.
 Date 5/11/11

[illegible]

most loving little wife

Oh! I would
 one but would
 might have
 been. By no
 taken. do you
 want us to send
 it to you?
 I have
 cannot send
 of course.
 Country.
 36. Montgomery
 Jan 1st 1881

36. Montgomery - C.
Jan 1st 1878.

[illegible]

only these occasional cases of meet-
ing. Let me all the time feel all
of loneliness and longing for one
word - one look - which I
must not be. Starting! do not
let it be so - if I can be helped -
will you my friend?

I should not have allowed so
much time to pass before writing
to you - my blessing but I would
if possible to tell you of a deci-
sion about school - but it has
not yet been made - so I will wait
no longer - but write again -

I appreciate the necessity
of my working hard - this winter
and I shall endeavor to do my
duty - which I think is to learn
as much as I possibly -

It is
to a
ing
when
and
from
now
but
cids -
some
a pi
nical
great
but
ing
will
self
alone

of meet-
all
for one

not
helped -

red so
riding
wonder

a little
has
all wait
in -

ceasily
winter
to my
to land

It is decided that I am to go
to school - but we are not
going to the public school -
which is right across the street
and a private one - about a mile
from here - Dr. F. thinks the latter
would be best - for so short a time -
but I suppose Mama will decide
and I will commence going
some where - next week - It seems
a pity to begin going to school
nicely and then have to
break off - go home so soon -
and a little while than noth-
ing -

Now my precious one - you
will take good care of your dear
self this winter - won't you?
don't do any important things -

I have remembered to give

Mr. Palmer.
It is too bad.
He is left so
alone - so
forlorn -
Gawd-like
how so much
love. also
undisturbed
but and some
millionaire
can be in a
travelling
the land
shall for
your be-
haviour with
from your

Take cold or anything - if
can be helped will you Lattie -
dearest?

My darling darling Lattie -
I wish I might tell you how I
love you - how each word and look
whilst you fasten upon me -
while home - fill like the 2 miles
and forest clear upon my trust
ing soul - I wonder if you can
how devotedly your little sister
clings to you - and how much it
seems to have to part - but as
you say - "such is life" - and
if we live we must expect to
have hard things to happen to us

Flourance H. Morrison,
Oh! I thought
my
poor
it is
200
and
her
you
and
over
it is
Oh!
all

dear Mr. Johnson.
 It is too bad.
 He is left so
 alone - so
 forlorn -
 Give him
 as much
 love - also
 united hands
 for and peace
 with him
 as we can
 keep
 the Lord
 shall for
 your de-
 loved self
 with him
 from your

[illegible]

A. Merriam,
Oh! I thought
one of your
night shirts.
Here - by mis-
take. do you
want us to send
it to you?
Yours
Wm. B. Merriam, Omaha.
Cousin
long.

My second, second letter - about
how dear you are! - about
how much I am obliged to you.
It is very, very good to hear
from you. I am so very
glad and thank you for doing so.
I am so much more. I would
love for it. If you are well -
and but the days of winter are
and for the winter. And we must
be comfortable. If we are with the
winter. But now the winter is
oh. I am so much more. I
am so well. I am so well. I am so well.

and I can't find time to do much
of anything. I am not working
very hard. For the first day or so of my trying
to do so much. I was in the
anxiety and fear. Now I
would succeed. nearly used
me up. so I think I must
to be the first person. but my
Lord one. if I do not learn
something this winter. it will
be a waste. I have not the mind
not to say I have not tried
my best. so help me God.

Dr. Lamm was so very kind, as to let me try them a day or two.

at school - I can't get on with
music and spelling - not in
my.

If I did not speak of
Mama in my last letter it
was because I had ^{too} soon for
it - ~~in my letter~~ my heart
was so full of love for you -
my life angel - that I could
not refrain from telling you
of it - to an extent which I
fear was sickish to you -
you are so dear to me - my
sister - and it is so hard not
to have you with me - that
I hope you will forgive me -
if I write foolishly loving
letters - you will not you -
dear Mother?

Dear Mother, I let you know & I hope

Ever your affectionate sister - Margaret

I shall be up in a week if
 I have no bad accident - I
 have been with a good many
 - since meeting at home - and
 making good work in the
 study of my time. I am
 not making the world for
 the first day or so of my time
 to do so much. I am not
 with me just now. I am
 not in good - nearly what
 I am in - so I think I shall
 be in the city again. But my
 good one - I do not have
 something to write - it will
 be a week - I have not yet
 yet - I have not yet
 yet - so I will be good.

native and children - but the
 my. I did not check it
 because it was salt water - it
 was because I had ^{too} soon in
 it - ~~was my~~ ^{with} - my heart
 was so full of love of you -
 my life would - that I would
 not explain from telling you
 of it - I am sure I wish
 that - my sister to you -
 you are so dear - I will
do - and it is so much more
 to have you with me - that
 I hope you will forgive me -
 if I will possibly bring
 with you will I want you -
 dear Mother?

is your road better than mine? I hope so. I hope so. I hope so.

I hope so soon. Now I hope
to give me dear
for writing
such a
quick letter
I did not
mean to be
rather late, I
could not
tell it. I mean
we will not
be known.
I will so well
soon. But it
is impossible
to write. I will
say to you
that my father
wrote while pre-
paring to go on.

I had a real nice letter from
Alice - a few days ago - which
I will answer when I have
time. please tell her - with
my love.

How is your "colored gentleman"
getting along?

Please give my love to all the family - especially Uncle Gustav -
Aunt and Charles - and I hope
we may kindly to join the same.

with the hope that it will soon be
 also as we have a new one.

is your household any better? I hope so. Now do not

give me dear
for writing
such a
sickish letter
& did not
mean to be
acutely. But I
could not
help it. I mur-
der will out,
you know.
and so will
love. But if
it cannot
you. I will
try to live
up my affec-
tions while this
line is on -

Now my old passions
are as near from you soon. and as often as you have time -

Oh my dearest dearest
dear. now
with I might see
you - and have
a real good talk
with you. Which
I cannot have on
paper, and which
I did not
seem to have
while home.
Mr. Meash
sent me a letter
the other day.
one of the
little bits
something
or other.
Now you will
see that can
be done.
most of

My beloved husband.
How dear would little - and
dearly I feel. and would have
embraced it days ago. but I was
going to school. I should ride
every day. and every moment but
then I was so busy. really. so that
much as I wished to write to
you. I had to wait. & am
going to the post office. now.
I will. from I tell. I. I am in
the same room and will write
with you. who is? I am far
behind all the class in spelling.

Yours
Jan. 20th 1878.

My dear brother
I have written to you - and I am
dreadfully sorry to have it so.
But really! I have not had any
time - I have written - read - or
sewed nothing - since last
Sunday - from this you must
not think I am working very
hard - for I am not - only most
of the time - the work is pretty
incessant - as it must be - if I do
anything at school - The
past two nights we have had

36. Montgomery St.
Jan 27th 1878.

My precious brother Lottie -

You see it is a week - since
I have written to you - and I am
dreadfully sorry to have it so.
But really! I have not had any
time - I have written - read - or
sewed nothing - since last
Sunday - from this you must
not think I am working very
hard - for I am not - only most
of the time - the work is pretty
incessant - as it must be - if I do
anything at school - The
past two nights we have had

elegant time - Yesterday was
Deanna's 20th wedding
anniversary. But at the reading
circle came on that eve. etc. etc.
they decided to celebrate on
Friday. So about 200 or more
invitations were sent out - and
a woman came in the mor-
ning, and spent the day in
preparing the supper. The
rooms were crashed, and to-
ward evening two waiters
came - to take care of the table
etc. - we dressed, and at 8 o'clock
the guests began coming.

I should think about a hun-
dred were present. at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ the
music came. there were three
instruments. a piano, a violin.

day was
sitting
reading
etc. etc.
on
or more
at - and
mor-
day in
the
nd 5-
the table
o'clock.
a time
9 1/2. the
three
7 min.

and a concert. we were soon
dancing - and did not go to
supper until about 10.00.
The table was lovely, and
the supper splendid.
The dancing ceased, and
the company departed - at
about 1 o'clock - or before -
thus ending a most delight-
ful evening. Last
night the reading circle
assembled. Mrs Tease had on
her wedding dress. it being
her custom to wear it every
fifth year - and the rest of
us were dressed a little more
than usual. and the
reading was frequent. It ended
however - at about 9.30. when

we all went into the dining room
where a lovely supper was await-
ing us. after it was over. the
young gentlemen gave us
some college songs which
were very nice.

The midgets and giants
are here now. we went to
see them. Monday. Lucia Ja-
vato is smaller than I ima-
gined - poor little thing -

The giants and giantess
are just 7 ft 11 in. and 2. and
are frightful to me.

I have been in school just two
weeks. and examination began

Lucia Javato is a great deal smaller than I imagined

over your

most loving

sister. I am

My friend
you

I have no
dreadful
but really
time. I have
several
Sunday.
not think
hard. for
of the time
incessant.
anything
past two

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I have given a great deal
of time & trouble since
I have been here, but I
have not had much success
in my work.

My dear friend,
I am very glad to hear
that you are well.
I hope you will continue
to improve your health.

Your truly,
John C. Smith

[illegible]

Dear Sirs I recd your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land for the purpose of building a house for the use of the school. I have been very busy since the 10th inst. and have not had time to attend to the matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will soon be able to go to the school. I am, Sirs, very respectfully,
Yours,
J. W. Smith

we all went into the kitchen, some
there is a little surplus and I was
tired - after it was over - the
young gentlemen gave us
some delicious songs which
were very nice.

The midguts, and gizzards
are the same - we refer to
our Thoms. Monday. I was fa-
tally ill - smaller than I in-
gined - poor little thing -
The parents and grand-
children all in bed & and
our faithful - to me -
I am disappointed that the
news and information I gave

Love
Ever your
most loving
sister. Emma

My precious Arthur Frankie -

To Mr. Montgomery, N. Y.
 Jan 27th 1878.
 My precious Father (Dante).
 You see it is a week since
 I have written to you - and I am
 dreadfully sorry to have it so.
 But really I have not had any
 time - I have written each or
 several nothing - since Sat
 Sunday. From this you must
 not think I am working very
 hard. For I am not - only what
 of the time - the work is pretty
 incessant. as it must be. as I do
 everything at school. The
 past two nights we have had

and please let them be as long as they last. a
little
place in
your
heart.
For the
love of your
little sister
who will
always
keep at
very large
hearts
in her
for you.
won't you
direct?

Friday - it was in Arithmetic -
examples etc. and I hardly
have to hope that I failed - we
will not know until next Fri-
day. I tremble when I think
of it. It will be so dreadful if
I don't pass. and I don't see
how I can.

How I wish you were here
is day darling - and that I
could get up courage to
speak to you about religion.
I do want to know where
to draw the line between
facts and legendary tales.
and I dare not let Mama

and please let them be as long as life lasts. a
little place in
your heart.
For the
son of your
little sister
who will
always
keep a
very large
place
in her
heart.
For you.
won't you
dearest?

it's wonderful. she - and I hardly
have to hope that I shall be
will not know what's here. I
say. I think. when I think
of it. it will be so wonderful if
I don't feel. and don't see
how I can.

Oh I wish you were here
to stay always. and that I
could get up courage to
speak to you about religion.
I do want to know where
to draw the line between
fact and ^{or} fiction. I
and I don't let Mama

Now. what a change my
feelings have undergone - it
would nearly break her dear
heart - and do no good. But
I am beginning to think
that it matters very little -
comparatively. what we feel -
if our lives are only good
and pure.

My sweet Lottie - my
dear dear Father -

But I must amputate
this letter - as I must write
to several people to-day -
and the afternoon is near
by gone -

Now my treasure -
give my love to all the women -
remember us - Mr Talbot -

36. Montgomery.

Feb 9th 1878.

My precious old darling -

Your nice letter. I was delighted to get.

Examination is over - and I. I. have not passed - is it not too bad? I am ashamed to tell you how dreadfully low I was in arithmetic. But you must know so here it is. with Lillies. so that you may see what a circumstance you have for a sister -

	Read.	Spell.	Arith.	Geog.	Dram.	Mus.	Acad.
L.P.	97.	76.	75.	77.	85.	82.	82.
F.A.M.	94.	83.	<u>55.</u>	79.	80.	77.	75.

one girl who had been there about a month - had ^{an} average of ~~from~~ somewhere between 30 and 50. and the teacher said

she had done very well - for the short time - I had seen there the week before examination.

The future singer all to be seen to-night - and perhaps we will go.

Minnie was passed splendidly in examination - and entered the High School to-morrow morning.

Harry - kapa may perhaps be interested to know - is going to be with Prof Golding in the university for the rest of the winter - etc on account of his eyes which are very weak.

At last the snow has come - and it is between two and three feet deep -

Kapa writes that there is some prospect of your

starting the

the only man

for try

find them is do

am

the ed ian

kind at home - at the same time -
I am perfectly certain it will
be the same -

Dr. Pease & Lect. to go
abroad - to be gone three months
starting
The last of the month -

Sam is little getting along
I hope he will not wear himself
out - taking care of that young
man -

Forgive me please Sam -
for crossing my letter - I will
try not to do it again -

How are the Quakers get-
ting along? do you ever hear of
them now? I hope Lillie
is doing some traveling - which will
amount to something -

There were no people here -
the other night - one of whom played
on a guitar - and a harmon-
ican - the other a guitar -

How is your New York. side fork.
proceeding? in the West side is
so interesting about it now the winter
I mean? (

Do you ever hear from the
Dr. side - how is he? are they going
abroad in the spring - and if he is going
with them if they go? (

I wonder how Miss Fanny is -

Is it not splendid that
Alice Fane has taken the posi-
tion which she has? (

Mama sends a great deal
of love -

My sweetly - how I wish
that I might take a kiss - from
you to-night - you are so dear -
so young & foolish & silly & miserably
horrid little sister - I love you
oh so much - and it is so hard to
be separated - but think of next
summer - if you do stay - it will
be so sweet - Ever most devotedly F.

30. 11. 1881

Feb. 18. 1881

My precious loved one -

Your dear letter - I was
ever so glad to get -

You are quite right - about
it being a trial to have dear
Dr. Pease go away - but I trust
that it will be of great service
to him - in ^{all} respects - I wish
you might see him off - for
it will be very ~~very~~ sad for
him to leave his family -
of whom he is so very fond -

It is a perfect day - and I have
been taking a short stroll - after
returning from school - I have a
good deal more time now - for in
our class we have ever so long a
time to study - in school - so that
we have to do very little out of
school -

Grammar is very

I think - we have learned about
a sentence - a word - a letter - suffix
and predicate - etc. etc. and as our
lessons are all oral - it is great
sport. Mr. Finman - the prin-
ciple of the school - told Minnie -
that I had done better than he
could have expected under the
circumstances - that is one comfort.

I wonder if I told you in
my last - that Minnie had passed
the Regents - with an average of 87.
she is now studying Latin - A-
rithmetic and Physiology.

What a queer letter Edgar W.
W. writes.

I am very glad to hear
that Fline is such a sensible girl.
he always did have more sense
than Louis - I think.

Papa writes that you are
going to move - where shall we

ed about
- cutlets
as one
eat
- the pin
linnie -
the
the
comfort.
on is
d passed
age 8' 8"
lin. It -
Edgar H.
hear
the girl
ance
are
27.2

direct your letter?
It will perfectly well
if we are all at home together
next summer. The very first of
a whole summer with you -
what happiness - and how much
I will learn from you - on more
points than one -
You do not say how much
Lizzie is - please give me a
great deal of news.
Last Friday - the first day
this party - and we danced from
eight to eleven - Lizzie had taught
me to waltz - so we all although
very out of it had a very pleasant
time -
Dr Deane is perfectly well -
I expect you will think so when
you know him - and the rest
of the family little -
What else is best at present I don't know -
Minnie is a beautiful girl - Lizzie

it ~~soon~~ and I am it just as
good as he can be.

He went to see the "Lash &
Lyons" last week and it was ~~open~~
did.

What a splendid chance
for him. His going to ~~London~~
mean. I hope he will not
wear himself all out. I should
like to see of that sick young
man.

Please remember me
very kindly to Mr. John Constat
when you write to him.

Give our kind regards to
Mr. Palmer and son & all the
family.

Hoping to hear from you
soon. I remain as you well know
your most loving and devoted
sister A. Florence

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Dr. D.

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36. Montgomery St.
Feb. 10, 1878.

My own beloved Fannie.

Your dear nice letter. I was
perfectly delighted to get it this
morning. - so you are going to
move! I hope you will have a
nice time in your new abode.
at the old one.

You speak of "Ben" having
nearly lost his eye. Do you ^{mean} ~~mean~~
Ben. (Ben Dagan?) if it is he - at
least you must be. We know
of no other Ben. - is it readable.
He is always having something
rightful to suffer for, for Ben
etc. And yet he is always so
kind and patient with all.

I shall be going ^{next Monday night} ~~next Monday night~~ I think
Tuesday or Wednesday. I shall stop at
the Fifth Avenue. Will you
you will call on me. as soon
as you possibly can. as he says

Feb 27.

... not quite sure I get any
communication. ... at
Long Sea. I hope that he
will be able to get his condition. I
curiously by some other. ...
substant it was a splendid
thing for him.

What a horrid old man
the President must be. But I
hope you may be able to squeeze
a small appropriation out of
him. any way.

You will be glad to hear
I expect. that I am getting
quite fond of arithmetic.
and I think it is getting
just a little easier for me.
that is. by studying on the
new things. somewhat. I seem
to understand them more
readily. we are just be-
ginning interest. in addi-
tion to a review in a peac-

ideal arithmetic of things
which we have seen over - in
the simplest ones.

What did you mean
about the cousins spending the
summer in Lewis Co? Are they
coming to visit their poor relatives -
the Clinton L. French - or
what? It would be lovely - if
it were so. But with you - my
darling one - all others will
be simply delightful addi-
tions. You - being the centre
of all my happiness - Now -
Fannie - why don't you scold your
little sister - for writing such
love sick letters - suppose I
should spoil you! make
you vain - try so much - what
shall I call you? But no -
there is no danger - if I am -
I just suppose such a thing to
be possible. The only one who

so devotedly admired you -
I'm - being a stupid - myself -
have your pride down a little -
to my love -

You will be home about
the first of April - will you not?
I hate to give up going to school -
now that I am getting along
so nicely - but I suppose it is
not to be helped -

When do you think would
be the best place for me to go
to school next fall?

What lovely times we will
have together in the Museum
next summer - you will
finish up my anatomy - will
you not - and help me to pre-
pare for school?

Mama sends a great deal
of love - and I remain - your ^{but affectionate} foolish
little sister - Florence.

My

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respec-

tfully

Yours

very

truly

Yours

very

truly

Yours

very

Tuesday

the 3rd

Yours

very

36 Montgomery St.

March 12, 1878.

My precious darling mother

Your letter was so most
delighted to get and especially
to hear that you are coming
home so soon.

I suppose this is the last
letter you will get from me
written at No. 36 Montgomery
St. in a long time. I cannot
bear to go away. They have
all been so perfectly lovely
to me. That it is harder than
any one imagined to leave
them. and what has come
to be a second home to me.
Dear Mrs. East. if you met
she has invited you and me

to come & spend a week here
when her dear husband re-
turns.

We expect to leave here
tomorrow P. M. and to stop
at the Forest that night.

Mama says to give her
compliments to Mr. Rosewell
& thank him for her for
his kindness to you.

When you go to West
Haven. Please give our
kindest remembrances to
Mr. D.

We have just had a month
of examination. & called
us & made us do arithmetic
in spelling not some nasty

little words. made me 6".
in 40 pages - I was 11. in 100
was 11. & 12. in 100. I shall
not have not taken them
them. The highest grade
any of our class attained
in grammar was 10.

I have had a lovely
time at "No 7." and I ^{tried}
to leave it. but all good as
well as fast things have to
come to an end. some time.
if that is any comfort -

Dr. Dean has promised
to come & see us next summer.
won't it be lovely? I do so
want you to see & know
all of the family - they are
so lovely -

Auntie Ellen writes that she
expects Lottie home.
Miss. can it be true?

Mama sends much
love.

Please give a great
deal of love to all the fam-
ily. But keep the best &
most of it for your sweet
self. From your true
sister.

Florence.

Homewood.

June 21st

(1878)

My Dear Dear Brother-

Your letter which came
to me - (with one inclosed to
Mama). I was very glad to
get. but it got lost - so I
have read it but once -

The "Hoodnuff Ex." circu-
lar - which you sent to me -
came yesterday - It
was so good in you darling -
to send one to me - and I can
see that if you go - it will
be a source of great - not
pleasure - but help to me -
Oh Arthur dear! It al-
most breaks my heart to
think of your going -

but it is enough for me
to be unhappy - without
making you so also -

I thank you for your
good advice my dear - I
will try to be prudent -
but it is so hard to keep
still -

Mamma says I
must not write any
more - it is getting so
dark -

Love from

dear old sister

Flora -

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should
-
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on
that
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at.
tho-
tho 4th

Please give my love to some one dear and all come home - how can I wait for you?

and all come home - how can I wait for you?

can I wait for you?

can I wait for you?

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My Dear Arthur -

Your last letter -

was very glad to ob-

but Arthur. You must not

work so hard. You will

be as badly off this sum-

mer. as you were last. if

you do -

Never mind

if your work is never

done. it is of much

less importance than

your precious health -

as we have all of ^{you} ten

to let and by this time

you ought to cross your-

self. by it please. Do

not misunderstand me

Arthur - will you? You

[1878?]

Why not?

know I write to you
thus. out of a heart
full of the bitterest
of anxieties. at the
possibility of parting
with you - for so long -
and yet fearing for you
the least thing which
may harm you - but
I must try and be chee-
ful - and the least I can
do - I think - is not to fill
my letters to you - with
that - what shall I call it?
which haunts me night and
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frown. I am only a
little child. and you will
I trust. do something.
which will give you a
name. spoken of by all
the world. with gratitude
and respect. mingled with
love and blessings.
and above all I hope
and pray. my precious.
you will soon learn to
love and acknowledge and obey

Him. who made the world.
and sent his son to die for
you. that you might live
after this life. by on what
condition? that you should
believe! after such love.
infinite. And such sufferings
as Jesus Christ. passed through
for your sake. for mine.
for that of all the world.
how can you resist him?
Oh I wish would that
I could influence you
to come to Jesus!

Saturday night. in that
fearful storm. Mr Jones
store was burnt to the ground.
a cow killed at the Port.
and several barns burnt.
Lancaster spent the 4th.

Oh how I wish you were here
and all come home. how
much I wish you were here
if you were here
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you can profit. what time?
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 to come to Jesus!

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fearful storm. The bones
were now thrust to the ground,
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and several bones broke
down on the ground.

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Dear Charlotte -
 Yours Love & Affection -
 [1878?]

Mary Kate?
 (1878?)

Don't ask me.

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 your precious health -
 as we have all of the
 world! and for this time
 you ought to forget you -
 self. If it turns out, do
 not misunderstand me
 Harriet - will you? You

Homewood,
Oct. 2, '78.

My darling Hartie.

I was unso glad to get your postal, this morning. I cannot believe that the only summer we have spent together, is over, and that we can only write to each other, again: its horrid, is it not, dearest? little sister wants to kill Hartie. But I suppose I ought to write unsible letters, & let everything else go, until I see you again; is it so Hartie?

Cousin Jennie is coming Friday; she is at Granton, now.

Clinora writes that "Lilly is getting along so nicely, that we all feel very thankful and happy." I am so glad. - she (Nora) sent us the goods I wrote for Monday, and Mama has cut off enough for 3 little Welmses,

and a dress for Mrs. Lockett, of Turin,
which she is going to give her, in
exchange for the Centennial chair,
etc., you know. The material costs
13 cents a yd; and is really very nice!

Tapa was at the Falls almost
all day, yesterday; Mr. Darran
told him that Miss Ella & Frank were
away, & that he was going to shut
up, and go to Lowell; where
they (E & F), can be, is a wonder.
Miss Ella thought perhaps she
would go to Syracuse, next week.

This morning, Tapa & I
went to Smith's (back of ^{Orville, or} Sag hill, you
know), to get some butter; as we were going
through Constableville, we met Mr. Gohk,
C. he inquired about you, and said he ex-
pected his son, the last of the week.

We came back, by the way of "Cooney's"; and
Frank stopped, or rather turned up, at two
houses, one on either side of "Ca!" It is a

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beautiful road, any way, is not it,
dear? you see murder will out," and
so will patients, although it happens
that we don't know who lives in the "patient"
house: when Frank turned up, Papa
exclaimed with a laugh; "This is where
Hait doctors, I'll bet \$5." ^{road, on the} The hill just
back of the place, is the steepest I've ever run.
6 P.M. While we were at tea, or dinner
rather, just after my writing the above;
Tom Whitmore came to the front door, &
said that this afternoon, when Tommy
Davis was threshing at Mrs. Widow
Miller's ("Sothless & sons" mother) an iron
wheel, which he had just fastened him-
self, burst away and took a piece of it
hitting Tommy, and cutting his throat,
so that his lungs and heart, came out;
of course, killing him instantly! is not
it dreadful? Poor fellow! Papa had
just gone on, & will find out about it ex-
actly: he (Papa) was thinking only this

that he would go and see if Tommy
wanted to come here, for another year.
isn't it sad? he was so young, and
such a nice, good-natured, fellow:
as Papa just remarked "the kitchen is in
tears," and we all are very sorry.

Uncle Charles has a check of
\$28. for you, & is only waiting for your
address, before sending it you.

Mr. Cole was legally authorised
to open your letter, and read it; in order
to know to whom he should send it.

Mamma sends any quantity of love,
and says to tell you "there has been a
great gap; in the family since Monday
night." do you doubt the truth of it, long?

Uncle Charles, has finished his
bridge; that is, he put on the key-stone,
to-day.

Auntie Kate sends her love, and

says we miss you very much.

Mamma says to write, just as soon as you get rooms.

Was Dr. Otis' opening address, a success?

Please give a great deal of love to Clint, Uncle Gus, Alice, and the rest.

Your "aunt Ellen", took several steps, yesterday (the second day!); how much good it did her, I cannot say.

9 P. M. Papa has just returned; he says that Thomas was killed at 11 A. M. and his family did not know it, until after 4 P. M. He had just tightened the "wooden drive wheel", but seeing that it did not

work, he put on the brakes, and the
force broke the wheel, and a part of
it struck him, and went through
to his back-bone, another piece, cutting
open his chin: the death was con-
sequently instantaneous. no one
else was hurt.

The family has all
gone to bed, except Papa, so I must
kiss you, in "fantasy," and follow
them.

Ever your most loving
little sister

"J. Weddell".

Papa sends love.

L. A. W.

Do write whenever you have time.
Wont you precious darling? good night honey.
Your ever, J. Louisa.

Oct. 9, 1878.

8 A.M.

My darling brother.

I have just a few minutes
before the mail goes, in which to talk
to you. I was so glad to get your
letter; after the receipt of your en-
quiries; dearest little sister cannot tell
you how she loves you, or how much it
is to hear from you, when you are
away.

Papa says I must say,
so good my sweetest, dearest long.

Ever your loving
— sister

F. Louisa.

Homewood,
Oct 11, 1878.

My precious brother.

We were delighted to get your letter this morning; and also to hear that you were so fortunate about your trading house.

Dearest one, I do so wish I could see you: just think, you have only been gone a little over a week (it doesn't seem possible, but it is a fact), and I can't see you for three great long months: is not it horrid, dearie? I think so, any way; although I should be philosophical about it, I suppose, and say that you must graduate; and that N. Y. is the place for that little operation, and that you be very thankful that you have the opportunity of studying to such advantage.

Aunt Helen says that "wasn't it a funny thing to say?"
Clint writes he is not very homesick; please give him my love, and tell him I hope the

young M. D. will have all kinds of
good luck, this winter.

Cousin Jennie is here, and will stay
until Nov. I think. I hope my "lymphatic-
ics" will not get to be as lymphatic, as her
husband.

Oh I must tell you about our
serenade! Last night, as C. D. C., J. J. D.,
& J. A. M., were gambling, "as Papa says;
we heard strains of music, gently waft-
ing on the breeze; & when we got in sight
of the woods (on the piazza), we beheld
three torches, and 3 or 4 male persons, who
were marching (in uniform), towards
Homewood; they marched round the cir-
cle (playing in the meantime, namely,
all the while); thus giving us the full
benefit of the music, torches, & uniforms:
really, the effect was extremely pretty,
and the music not at all bad! They
stopped at the house, & played for some
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"Sunade" and after talking with
for a few minutes, they all went to
the Museum; & when they returned,
Coz. J. J. D. & I played a deck for them:
they then took a stroll into the dining
room; where they found coffee, sandwiches,
ice, chess, gingham, & cake: after tea,
they again played for us, and depar-
ted in a four wheel conveyance; after
Charles Phelps, ^{was} their drum major,
had thanked us for the entertainment,
including, I suppose, the \$10.00.
Tapa gave them. although rather it
was a very pleasant thing, & I, for one,
will be glad to have it repeated, when
Mr. Wheeler is here.

Mr. Cassy Constable is home
now; but will return to the south room.
Miss Sadie & Mamie, go back, to-mor-
row.

Aunt Fattie stays till Mon-
day.

Mrs. "Gule" Lewis, has sold her cows,
& intends going to Gordon, to live.

Johnie Davis has got one house
to live.

Miss Ella, may be in Syracuse,
now. Papa vetoed my going.

We have at last named pup-
er, Spilio. He & Kint, are both well,
and happy.

Auntie Kate left Monday.

Saw *Corvus Americanus*, *Geothlypis*
trichas, *Junco hyemalis*, *Melospiza*
melodia, and White Throated
sparrow, yesterday & today.

Every one is in bed, so I will
have to leave this till morning.
8 A.M. Saturday. Give my kind regards
to M. F. Edgar Alexander.

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wrote, that a few days after you left

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us, a Winter Wren, came into the laundry, and I captured it, but let it go, finally; after I had looked in "Birds of N. A." & found an almost exact likeness of it. The reason I did not keep it, was, that it could get out & be driven the wick of even my round cage; it was so tiny.

Give much love to Aline, uncle Sam, uncle James & Walter, whenever you see them please.

Papa is just going for the mail, so I must stop.

Remember that we will expect to hear from you Tuesday, at latest.

Papa wants to know if you have paid your Buffalo

taxes? and says you will save
a great deal by paying promptly.
also sends his love, and says to
be a good boy; and keep you
in a good condition.

Mama sends a great deal
of love, and asks if you can write
twice a week. Good bye, my
Hastily, T. Anne.

Your ever loving
-amma little sister.

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Your D. M. Tina have come
of you
Do you want to see
to you
G.

Longwood,

Oct. 22, '78

My precious Katie.

I was very so glad to get your letter this morning. You must tell me all about the operation you spoke of; ^{by the way,} when we next see each other; which ^{by the way,} will be such a lovely time that I very much wish it was going to come soon. Papa says you mean by "Plastic operations," putting on of plastic bandages, for surgical troubles; and I thought Dr. Emmet made a specialty of the same as Dr. Thomas, instead of any thing of that kind.

Wouldn't it be lovely if you could get both the \$75⁰⁰ and the good, that the practice will do you?

What pleasant times you must have at your "Linnæan Society," meetings! It is too sad you had to have that large tooth out: it must have hurt horribly, to say ^{nothing} of that excruciating little nerve operation. I fear you will miss your tooth, sadly.

Have not seen Collie & Fritie & Co., yet. You must have a lovely room, I think, from what Clint writes Aunt Helen, about it.

Nama proposes privately ad-
vising aunt H. to put Clint under
the care of a policeman, as such
dreadful designs are entertained
concerning him; by his own cousin.

The rope that was so careful-
ly put into the flag pole, is now
wearing out, & Papa has just
gone out
to replace it; with a new one.

Luigi is sleeping peacefully
by my side: I gave him a bath
last week, & he did not enjoy
it, at all.

I heard from Minnie & Lilly
this morning. Their father
is going to N. Y. soon, so I sup-
pose you will see him.

Cousin Fannie goes
to-morrow; perhaps she will
decide to return, & spend the win-
ter. Aunt H. & Grandma, are
flourishing.

Excuse this wretched pencil-
ing, but I am lying down, & so
pen & ink would not be luxuries.
Saturday I was taken with a
bilious attack; & the itching

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more like Mamma's attacks, than
any I have ever had before:
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I had to keep my bed until to-
day, suffering more or less,
most of the time, from abdom-
inal pains, for Mr. Dr. John-
son prescribed hops & rhinega-
also gave me 10 to 15 pills
I am much better now & if my
equilibrium was not discom-
-ated, will probably be
all right again soon. I did not
mean to give you such a long
account of it.

We are visiting Miss El-
aph, as she has only been
here once, since you left.

We are now thinking of hiring
Kate (aunt's ^{Ellen's} sister), & Gemina
from lands for the winter.

Kate is going to leave the other
house.

Aunt H's Ellen, leaves
the 1st of Dec. about.

What has been your return

now, thus far? remember that you
got to determined not to sit up
so late, this winter.

How is Alice's Throat,
now? please give me my
love. How is Mr. Palmer.

How is Mr. Palmer? I did a very fun-
ny letter from Elvira, the
other day. Mr. Warner Mil-
ler, will probably favor us
with his presence to night.

Jarah Danning has a toy.
Papa got some cider, this
morn.

Have you recd. your \$28⁰⁰
as well as the money Papa
sent you? Have you given

Clint the instruments yet.
I hope you will be able
to read this, but I fear you
will have trouble, in do-
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reason to hope that he will not go
so soon; for you know it always
takes him several weeks to start.

This A. M.'s mail, brought an
advertisement of a Museum
in Rochester. do you wish it?

Cousin Jennie sends love
Mr. & Mrs. John Constable, went to
N. Y. last week: the other family
of course.

Mrs. Rowlands heard
from Laurence, that William
well & happy.

I fear this letter will seem
extremely stupid, but I feel so.
"Thank you this time."

With W. I could send you a
bag of good cider.

When uncle took the support
away from his bridge, it did

settles apparently a $\frac{1}{4}$ of
an inch!

Wednesday A.M.

They are just about start-
ing for the Port, so I can
only say I feel better,
this morning.

In haste my darling
one & the main one
of my own loving little
sister I write
I write

Tapa, Maona, and
love.

and - possibly History; & if cog. & g.
B. returns - as she is quite likely to
do, I think - Music will also be one
of the matters of course.

Is Edgar Alex. a member of
the Linnaean Soc.?

It is too bad you have to be
so busy; for I fear you will wear
yourself out, just as ^{you} did in N. H.
do it: something go, & take a little
rest, dear one.

My eyes have been too weak to
read evenings, lately, so Papa has
been playing Chess, with me: it is
great fun; although work.

How is your head now, Jerry?
don't work until you bring on that
Congestion, again: it is so dreadful.

We have written to Miss Ella,
urging her to come & spend at least a
week, with us: we have scarcely
seen her, this fall; and it is a
shame: we are so near, and

still see so little of her.

Have you seen Dr. Fear? I suppose he must be in N.Y. now.

We were very glad to hear of Louise's great improvement. I hope her ambition will not again take her out of school.

How is Uncle Gus? Little I learned to think he was quite poorly.

Papa has just finished stoning up the well, which he has been making at the corner of the new barn: that is to say, five men have been at work on it all day: at about 3 ft. they struck a run of sand, and got out three loads of it; at 12 ft. they came to a stream - in gravel - running at the rate of a pail a minute: all the stones they threw out, were washed perfectly smooth: is it not singular?

Mama and Papa send much love
The ground is covered with
snow.

Papa saw a fox track
in the woods yesterday.

Ken & Sprio are well and
happy. Genl Spinner has
been confined to his room
in Mohawk, for 2 weeks; with
neuralgic fever: isn't it too
bad? He sends kindest remem-
brances to you.

Dr. Warner Miller & Chick-
ering stopped here, on their
"stamping tour."

Mr. Wm. A. Wheeler, has not made
his appearance, yet: - wonder
if he will.

You might send
Clint's skin by parcel.

Mama wd. add a P. S. but
her eyes are too tired.

With bushels of love for my
dearest Artie, I remain as ever
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Mr. Palmer, & Dr. A. Co
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C. P. M. Nov. 3, '78.

My darling, Katie.

I suppose you are just dining. How
lovely it would be if you could come & spend
the evening with us; would not it, dearest?
Little sister does so want to see Fannie.

We have not heard from Uncle, yet; and he is expected to return either Saturday (Yule-tide), or Monday. Papa wants to go to see Genl. L'Esperance, but is waiting for Uncle's return, so that we need not be "importuned" during his absence.

We have been having such a nice little call from Miss Ella: she came up yesterday morning, and her Father came for her this afternoon; she is coming up the rest of the week, to see a visit: she says Jerry's hip is not doing too very much.

Mr. Day is writing to
the note that George Williams has
been relieved of 8 outbursts, which were
serious, & which will not be long, with

Papa & Mamasana corr.

it? Have you seen Cousin Fannie yet?
Mrs. M. now has a daughter, Mr.
she is thinking of calling — I hope
Augusta! If she does so soon now,
there will be a second Merriam fam-
ily, will there not?

Spide has learned to jump up on
the sofa, when he wishes to take a nap.

Fannie Evans, has been here for three
days. Maggie has had a cold
and very painful leg, for a week.

Mr. Fox, from Easton, spent
the afternoon here, the other day, and
with us. We could have seen him, for he
was so amusing that he kept us laugh-
ing almost all the while.

The weather was very much in
the way, and at times it was
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We have named the young
one, Quig, for short, & it is most ap-
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y on yesterday, I left it until I received
your welcome epistle; which was
this morning. Many thanks for it, dearie.
We are very glad that you have had
such good results, following upon your
professional occupation; but don't over-
work, please. It was extremely kind
of Uncle, to get you those nice warm
gloves. Mama wants to know what
would be the best medicine to give
me, to allay the nausea & vomiting,
in case I should have another bil-
ious attack.

Uncle Cla has left the A. & C. Bank
and is taking charge of Mr. Hudson's
Bank. He all seem to be glad, for we
think he was imposed upon, in the
former place.

I hope y on will get time to write
again, this week; we would be so
glad to hear, dearest lovey.

Miss Ella told us of a cure for dan-
druff wh. she had seen in a paper: it
was this. an ounce of flowers of sul-
phur, to a quart of water, to be used
as a wash for the head, once a day.
could it do any harm? if not, I want
to try it, as my head is so covered

with dandruff all the while, that
it is really very disagreeable.

We expect Mr. Myron D. W.
Hough & his sister here for a call,
to-morrow. I suppose you did
not vote to-day. How disappoint-
ed somebody will be, in two or three
days. We have all - Papa, Mama,
and I - been around the woods, for
a moonlight stroll. it is perfectly
lovely, although this A. M. is was
15° and only 20° at mid day: we are
now sitting by the fire, in the morning.

Grandma & Auntie seem to be very
well: I saw them this morning.

Papa thinks of having the pigs
killed, to-morrow.

The Miller's had Modock -
that little old horse of theirs, you
know - killed while they were
out West.

Annie Ma came over
yesterday, to have me teach her how
to make Macramé lace - the same
that Alice, has been making, you
know.

Papa wants the ink, so I
must say good night.

With fondle of my darling Attie,
Ever most aff.

Flourner.

Papa & Mama & Anna come.

Homerwood,
Sunday evening. Nov. 10.
[1878?]

My darling, Hartie.

Papa is going to start to-morrow morning probably, and so I am going to write and send it by him. How nice it would be if I was going with him, to spend the week!

Yesterday, Mama, Uncle, Papa, and I, went to the Falls, in the carriage: Mrs. De Camp's baby has been having chills and fever, and looks very pale; she is much worried about it. Sister Flo gave us a set of the photographs, and the additional ones, for you and Clint. Is not Collier's likeness, splendid? I think Sister Flo's, do not do her justice. We stopped to see Mrs. Archy M. & Pickers; and she said ^{remembered very kindly to you, &} to tell you that she was very sorry not to see ^{before you left.} you. Mr. Henry, leaves for Boston about the middle of the week: Mrs. M. + Edward, left about two weeks ago. We did not get out at the Day and, as Miss

Ella is coming up to stay while Papa is in N. Y. Ben was in the "Office", with a severe headache.

Genl. Spinner is better, and expects to leave for the South, soon.

Uncle has been to Collinsville, only once, since his return; we have had such wintry weather.

I saw Gertrude L. to-day, and she said that Miss Le cough was not as severe, as it had been, but that she had "had several times" since you left, "just a little, you know, not much." Ben H. says she fears she will forget how to rhyme birds, if she does not see some, soon; or words to that effect.

Mrs. Boardman went to Fort Lyden & spent a week, and has not been as well, since. Libby is flourishing, I guess.

Uncle Charle thought Mamma was a partridge dumpling, last night, when she was spitting

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Uncle Sam, you are working
too hard, and the fear you will break
down, under so much brain work; don't
one doubt. Stop it you, do too much now.
remember that what you are doing
now will do you no good, if you ruin
yourself by so doing: do take a little
rest, every day, please, every day.

Is it the stealing of Stead's body
for reward, scandalous?

We are very busy, now. studying,
and all kinds of things.

There was a most horrible article in
the Forest & Stream, about an encoun-
ter with a snake.

Papa is taking the Daily Tribune
& the Semi Weekly Times: a change of
base.

Papa think as the State has gone
Republican, Conkling will probably
be returned.

Grandma and Auntie are very well,
I think.

We are delighted with the
Physical Geography. I fear you
will think it rather "cheeky" of me,
to begin using it, without your con-
sent, or any thing, do you, dear?

We were very sorry not to get the
second letter, you spoke of, but sup-
pose you had no time to write.

I think A. J. D. has about decided
to come and spend the winter with
us. He was the merrier; and
that's not saying very much.

Mamma joins in sending much
love.

Give my love to Clint.

With kindest love to your dear old self,
I remain

Ever your most loving
little sister, Elsie

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be best for you to go to Baltimore,
Washington, or New Haven;
if you think so, of course you
had better go; but it would not
be so near to us, if you did, loved
one. How forlorn it would be! I can't
bear to think of it. but if you
think it would be for your good
to go elsewhere, don't let our feel-
ings have anything to do with
your decision, will you precious
darling? Nov. 17. I did not
have time to finish my letter
the other night, and so left it,
for a combination, one.

Miss Ella has finally decided
to remain with us, until the end
of the week; much to our delight.

We went to Linn yesterday -
got the standard - attached the
screen - and presented it -
more than a month after date.
Mama had no suspicions,
and was much pleased. She
steamed her hand yester-
day, quite badly; but it is bet-
ter now. Is not it strange
about Aunt Stattie's family?
some one ought to advertise for
5 lost people.

We are trying to get ex-
cited over a thief alarm; viz:
The night before Papa left,

Stent had a fight with a
strange dog, and finally
succeeded in driving him
away; Grandma says the
who lives on Leifden Hill,
and is supposed to prow
round nights, has such a
dog; so we put 2 + 2 to gether;
for last night, ^{at 12 P.M.} H. began
barking & growling, under
the girls window; and Maggie
put her head out and spoke
to him, ^{after} about 20 minutes had
elapsed; and she saw, just
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door, but would not quite
have bravery to go near the of-
ject. We think as the pigs
had just been killed, the Mr.
Shaw thought he would have
a pleasant supper & have ta-
ken precautions accordingly.
don't mention this to Papa
as it might possibly worry
him. Then of course is no
danger, for we felt beauti-
fully, & have a Jimmie & Wes-
son, besides.

Mr. Chapin killed a
skunk, yesterday; it was
a very large one.

Grandma + all are well.

Wind & rain are pre dom-
inating at present.

Miss E! & I made the Mus-
seum a short call this morn.
it looks very nicely, but lacks
its chief attraction.

Saw Mrs. W. & Libby D. the
other day; they are both better
than they were.

Miss S. is about as usual
G. L. says.

Mama sends a
great deal of love.

Miss E. sends ditto.

With thanks for my dear
Hattie,

Ever most lovingly
your little sister,
Love to Papa, & all. Sewell.

Homewood,
Nov. 24, '78.

My precious Hartie.

Papa arrived in safety last evening, and we were very glad to see him, as well as to hear that your cold was better; for we were extremely sorry to hear that you were so unwell, the other day. Do take care of yourself, honey, or you may suffer for it.

Miss Ella left Thursday, to attend to household calls. We had a very nice little visit with her, and were very sorry that she had to leave so soon. Ben has mounted another pair of postage heads, which he has given to his father.

Uncle says that I can tell you that he is still here, but does not go out much, excepting my

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third or fourth day, when he goes to Collinsville, to see how they are progressing with the bridge; I also think he does not know when he will go down, but thinks it will be in about three or four weeks.

Cousin Jennie sends her love, I say she hopes you will come up Xmas, and wants to know if a person is ever torn without a pill, and says that a ^{blind} girl was on the call yesterday, who said that such was her case.

What are the little living germs called, which go floating around in the air, and are the cause of gangrene to any fresh wound, and on account of which the "Children's Hospital" building had to be aired out for two years? Papa says "Bacteria", and we would like to know. Colds are very prevalent here,

and so of course I have had to take one, which is much better now.

The gum Arabic was very acceptable, as we were almost out of it.

Thanks for the "Whittier"; you managed very cleverly, for Papa thinks it is a Xmas present for me, and not once suspects that it is for him.

At last the lamp screen is finished, and presented. Mama likes it, and it is very useful.

The worst run Papa brought, was that you probably would not come home Xmas. But would stay in N. Y. to write up lecture notes: must it be so, darling? why can't you write them here? We will ^{be glad} good and not bother you any ^{you any} more than we can possibly help; and if you don't come, it will

be simply horrid; we won't have one bit
good time, and it will not seem a week
like Xmas; you know you have al-
most always come home then, and
it would be so forlorn without you;
please dearest, come if you can, and
if it will be just as well for you to be a
dear good brother Hartie, and come.
Would you have just as nice a
time if you stayed in N. Y.? I hope
not; and am almost sure Hartie
would miss us, just a little.

Every body sends lots of love,
to the dear one so far away.

We are so glad to hear that Han-
nah is going to see: please remember
me to her, if you see her again.

Give our regards to all who wish
them, and think me dear to
your most loving little
Irene.

Homewood,
Dec. 3, 1878.

My precious 23-year-old.
To begin with, I will wish
you ever and ever so many
most happy returns of the
day; to this customary, but as you
will know, sincere remark, I will
add the hope that your ^{future} life will
only be a continuation of your
former usefulness and good-
ness; that with each succeed-
ing year, you will gain in
happiness, wisdom, and all
that is good and lovely; and
"lastly, but not leastly," for my hap-
piness, always keep a little place
in one of your curicles, or ventricles,
for the little sister who loves you more

than a little - as you very well know - don't you dearest?

We were very much disappointed in not hearing from you, this morning: He shall have to get some of our numerous relatives to inform us as to your condition, physical, mental, etc. if you are going to be so busy.

Mr. Chapin has been absent for about a week, and his brother has taken his place, pro tem.

Have you paid Mr. Buckley, for the Whittier? if not, please do so, as soon as you can, and we will refund.

Papa cut himself quite badly, the other day; a stick fell on his head, and made quite a gash, just over his eye, most fortunately. We at once put on

court-plaster, but he would not have the eye brow hairs cut, and so of course it could not be made air tight; we bathed his face with sal ammoniac, and so saved it from swelling or discolouring; he went out yesterday, however, and look cold in it; so that it does not feel so well, to-day.

Miss Ella and Miss Abbie Johnson, called, the other day: after leaving us - when Papa was away, Miss E. had seven days of neuralgia: she was feeling pretty well, however, when here: We found ~~Miss E.~~ very pleasant: she spoke very kindly of you.

Papa says to tell you, that

he shot a squirrel to-day, and
that Kent caught it as it fell
from the tree !!!

Give my love ^{to} from Clint, and
all the cousins, when you see
them.

The man goes to the Fort
to-night, so I will have to hur-
ry in order to get this ready
for him.

I hope the enclosed will
be useful, I was much disap-
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thing more for you.

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Homewood,

Dec. 8, '87.

My dearest Hattie.

This morning Annie found a letter from you, on the floor, by the side of the desk, dated Dec. 2, none of us having seen it before. In shaking the letters out of the bag, Papa must have dropped it on the floor, without seeing it: thus the mysterious silence on your part, is at last accounted for. Not having heard a word from you in nearly three weeks, with the exception of a postal, we naturally thought it strange, to say the least.

I am real glad that you took just a little recreation, I thank - giving, even if you did not accomplish quite as much as you have liked. The rest is more important than writing, for you, dearie; if you would only think so.

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We were very glad to hear that aunt-
Mrs. Dussmaker had recovered.

Papa says "ask him if the 'guan-
dian angel' hovered over her mo-
ther, and tell him to be gentle in
his affections, one to another."
If you can make even Papa ever
out of it, do so.

Mama's cold is still very
troublesome.

Mr. Kentner was buried,
Friday: he had been failing ever
since Will Lewis' death.

Mama has hired a girl for
waitress: her name is Margaret
Evans! and she will come ^{as soon} we
want her, at \$2.50, they are much
pleased with her: I hope we will
be as fortunate in getting a cook.

I have found 6 flares, (on Spruit!)
or at least got part of them off, in
his path yesterday. Is there any
thing to be done, except to wash

him frequently?

How is your cold, dearie?
have you succeeded in conquer-
ing it?

There is just a little
snow here now, not enough for
slipping; and the roads are
very bad.

Sister Flo and Mr. De
Camp, drove up yesterday, to get
the guitar and flute, for a
Lumpsum concern, they are
going to have. Collie was a lit-
tle "under the weather."

Mar. De C.'s ^(the woman) baby was a little better.
Lyman is flourishing.

We are nearly in the middle
of the 2nd vol. of the Dutch Republic.
If we read a vol. a week, we will be
doing well, I think.

Mrs. Rowlands has just heard
from S. that Willie is getting along

very nicely.

Cousin Jennie sends love, and
best wishes, with the hope that you
will come home ~ mat. please
darling.

Aunt Helen and Grand-
ma are pretty well.

Have had a few snipe rides on the
grass. When will you finish writ-
ting up lectures for N. S. Hospital,
before, or not till you graduate?

Grandma has Aunt Hattie's
address, and cousin G. thinks it
must be in a nice place.

We hope to hear from you Tues-
day, with more recent date.

Mary Hunter has taken a
school on the other side of Talcott-
ville. With worlds of love,
Ever your most loving
sister, Florence.

Homewood,
Dec. 11. 78.

My precious Harry.

I was very so glad to get
your very little note, this morn-
ing. Its too bad you had to run
all the while, on your birthday;
when I had such a lovely time
on mine. You ought to have seen
you came in the summer.

How you can get time to at-
tend lectures, + quizzes, write
hospital notes, do Linnaean Soc.
work, eat, drink, sleep, and take
care of patients, is a myste-
ry to me.

Papa has just gone
to open our short cut to Con-
stableville.

We were much disappoint-
ed in losing all our snow.

Don't to Clint. Please forgive this line. I'll do better in the future.

so unconsciously.

Is it not nice that Mrs. De Camp's baby is a girl? so many boys are monotonous.

Sprite grows more cunning all the while, and is a great deal of company.

We usually read Mother, two or three hours every evening and play Whist, the rest of the time.

Cop. G. B. gives me music lessons, Thursdays, & Fridays; and begins hearing my lessons at ten, 7/11 a-m generally hearing Fritz yet, before.

Please dearest, come home, Xmas.

Have I read my history yet, so must stop now. ever your own

Homewood,

Dec. 15, '78.

My darling Hartie,

Only ten days before Xmas!
You are going to be a dear good brother, and come home, are you not, dearest? Just think what a lonely, stupid time we will have, if you do not come. Have mercy, and resist not the enticements of your little sister, but be a bonivamus frater, and make your appearance, meanwhile writing us that you will come. Please, lovey!

Aunt Helen is going to send a Xmas box to Clint, so if you will send me his "skin," immediately, perhaps I can get it ready in time to send it her too.

We have at last had a "change of fate," i.e. the girls have been dismissed, and we have gotten

others to take their places! I will tell you about it. You know how they acted all through the summer, so it is needless to expatiate upon that. Friday morn. Papa astonished them by going into the kitchen and saying, "What I am going to say to you is not very pleasant, as it is none of my business, for I have engaged other girls, and you are to go home tomorrow!" After making this business like remark, he proceeded to say that he had wanted to send them home in the summer; that they had said if they had known that J. J. D. was to be here, they would not have stayed, that he never allowed his guest to be insulted when he knew of it, and that he had only been waiting

for lightning, to send them home, also that they had been very impudent to J. J. D. and others; that they had made Mama sick in the summer, by acting as they had done, that she was always planning kind things for them, more than he would assent to. That the trouble was, they did not know their place, as kind girls, etc. etc. They said they wanted to go to Durin to get horses to go home with! Whereupon he told them that they could go from their homes, if they chose, but that he did not intend to wear out horses, harnesses & shafts, for them, after they had acted as they had, and if

they had conducted themselves properly, he would have been very glad to do so, etc. whereupon they wept, and were furious. Did not he say just the best possible things? I am so glad he did. It would not have seemed justice to have let them depart without a word. After oceans of tears, they were ready to go, and so left yesterday morning, having had one day notice.

We have the other Maggie, that Papa engaged, and Minna Rowlands, the two, probably; as Papa expects to have two large girls through the winter.

Grandma hurt her knee, the other day.

Lightning is fair.

Papa says to tell you that Dr.

Johnson says it is the dullist
time, medically, he has ever
known, in other words, so says
our Tapa - it is most pain-
fully and excruciatingly healthy.
100 snow birds were seen,
to-day.

Mama & Tapa were
at the Falls, the other day, and
saw Mrs. DeLamp, who is doing
well; also Miss Ella, who was
pretty well then. Tapa says
first Duck's head, is as naturally
mounted, as any he has ever
seen.

We are going to have the benefit of
both Harpers Monthly, and Scribner,
this winter, as J. J. D. and co.
Amanda takes them, and exchanges
after reading; it is very nice, as
there are usually some very in-
struction, as well as interesting
articles, in them.

All send much love.

Spiti is well, and as ever
as ever.

Once again, begging you
to come to us, & was,

I remain,
Ever your most loving
sister, Florence.

My darling one.

[Dec. 1878.]

I am going to take pity on you and not send you any xmas present which will bother you about its return, for I think you have enough things to bring back now.

We are just going to track the road, of which there is not a sign, now. We went to Grandmoir on snow shoes yesterday, and I quite followed us all the way.

Winter seems to have come, in earnest.

I leave in the enclosed

card, with Clint's name on it,
to him, and accept the other
one with your little sister's best
love, and ^{much of a} Merry Christmas, and
a Happy New Year, in the place
of any thing more substantial,
Yours Truly.

Do take a little rest, this
vacation dearest, and don't work
all the while.

Grandma is much better.
I am going to stop now, so good
bye, my precious love
Ever your most loving
sister Florence.

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Homewood.

Dec. 25, 1870.

My precious darling.

I wish you a "Merry Christmas," for
although I have done so before, it seems the
only proper way to begin a letter, x mas.
morning.

The lovely book, which you were
so very kind as to send me, is received, and
I thank you ever so much for it, dearest.
It is very valuable to me, as it gives the best,
all in one book, whereas I would have neither
time judgment, or knowledge to cull them
from other books, for reading.
I must tell about the other presents.

Papa received: a little travelling con-
suetine, needles, and buttons - from
Mama; a book in two volumes, called "A
History of American Literature," by Mo-
ses Coit Tyler, from coz. Jennie, and
the Whittier, from me. Mama

used: a xmas card from Papa; a slip-
per holder & a book, from coz. J. and a
match safe & photo holder from me.
also a xmas card from Edith, & a
pair of candles for the harbor sticks
from J. J. D. Uncle used: a pair
of decorated gin bottles, from Mama;
a speckled wipe of chambray shirt,
& an eye shade, from me. Coz. J.
J. D. used: a trunk satchel, a deco-
rated box & dish, from Mama; ^{a xmas card &} a gold &
mother-of-pearl pencil, from Papa

and a scrap bag, from me.

I used: the lovely book from you;
Mrs. Brownings poems from Papa;
a decorated dish, a ribbon, a pair of mittens
& a box, from Mama; a box of letter paper
of which this is a sample, from J. J. D.
and also a book, called "Around the
World," "The Yarn Sunbeam;" by
Mrs. Brassey, from J. J. D. A jap. dish
from Minnie, a tidbit, from Lillie, a
card from Harry, & a card from
Edith.

We have a box of things
for Miss Ellen & another for Collie & sister
Flo, but the snow is about 3 ft. deep,
and our road is not to be broken, till
it stops snowing, which is very indefi-
nite, as has scarcely stopped, for 3
days, even for a little while.

only to love, love.
you cannot be with us! We are
and says we are very very
Mama sends a great deal of love

One day - before lighting - Papa took Prince
+ Frank, to be shot, leading Frank, and
driving Prince; stopping somewhere he
blanketed Prince, and when he came
out, found Frank at the side of the
truckboard, pulling at the buffalo,
to get it over him. Is that not intelli-
gence?

Please accept the enclosed with
your little sister best love, getting
something for yourself with it. I
wanted to send more, but Papa said
he could not spare it (it is my own you
know, for I earn it; Papa wanted to give
me \$24.00 and then let me send it to

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hard walk, for he sinks in about a foot, at each step, and it snowing and blowing.

This morn. Kent came to the window, and Spillo, who was in G. G. D's lap, jumped down, ran to the window, and then turning to coz Jennie stood up on his hind feet (Mr. Han taught him to beg, in that way); then turned to the window and begged, until she let Kent in! was ^{it} not intelligently kind of him? we think it quite wonderful.

It looks as though we were going to be snowed in.

I cannot realize that it is Xmas, & without you, darling; don't let Han it till you come home.

of course.
I cannot as well not lovingly
as wish as we can get to the F.O.
trying to get a letter from you

you, but I thought you would prefer
10.00 from my own earnings, to 24 of
Papa's, as a present from me; it is not
really a present, for it is to go towards
paying my "doctor's bill," you know.
It is such a pleasure to give it, dearie.

Did Mama tell you that I saw
Mr. & Mrs. N., in Utica the other day?
They are all quite well. Mrs. N. looks
as fresh and lovely as ever, & Lenore
is just as nice, as she always is.

Papa has just taken a basket
of Xmas things on his arm,
and started for Grandma's, on
snow shoes; he will have a very

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

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long, are you most loving little sister
well. Hoping to see you soon very
frankly and candid are truly
yours
of course

Homewood,
Sunday A. M. '79,

My darling, Hartie.

I fear you were unable to read the
note I so hastily scribbled, the other eve-
ning.

Did you see the conjunction?
it was so cloudy here, that we could ~~not~~
see hardly a star, to say nothing about a
planet.

We read the notice of the Luncheon
last evening, in the Forest and Stream; I
should like to attend one of your meetings, they
must be very interesting.

I wonder if you have finished your The-
sis yet. When does Clint graduate?
please remember to write, in your next, for
if we go down, and the two commencements
are near enough together, of course we
should like to be present at his M. D.ing.

All send much love

Yesterday morning (about 9 o'clock) Papa and I started for the Falls; ther. then stood at $+32^{\circ}$ and it was mild and lovely; when we returned, at 12 M. it was sleeting, the sleet soon turned to rain, and that to snow, and this A. M. shown ther. at -12° , air clear and sparkling, thus making a difference of 44° in 24 hours! how is that for a Homewood change? Found them all well at the two houses; Miss Ella was absent, so I held Prince while my dear "Whirlwind" as she appropriately calls him, went to see the gents. Upon Gunt's advice, he has decided to leave the head till next year, and then get a new one to put the horn on, as this one is only about 8 in. long, etc. Sister F. is undecided about going to England. The boys are flourishing; she is going to Ulica this week, to have their photos taken; Leo is very handsome.

Papa and I are smoking cu-

tes, still; and he thinks it does him good.

How is your cold? I hope you will be more careful; do buy some antiseptics, and wear them; it is your duty to, dear; you can't expect to be well when you are so unprotected.

Papa wants to know how soon after graduation, you will be ready to come home with me; as Mamma is going to stay longer; whether she will or no, I do not know; she says she would like to stay a month or six weeks, so as to go and see coz. Augusta, etc. etc. it would do her worlds of good to go; she needs a change very much. Is it kind of Papa not to mind about the expense? I think it will be perfectly lovely to go; I am trying to finish the two geographies, before leaving; it remains to be seen how I will succeed.

We have finished the first vol.

We do not know when J. & D. is coming back.
and don't say much.

Annexes in a good manner almost to us evenings
of Mexico, and are charmed with it; have
you ever read it? I think Prescott
writes better than Motley, after all, for
M. so perfectly exhausts a subject, that
it becomes tedious after a while.

Papa says to announce in your
next meeting, that - strange though
it may appear a non parallel is spin-
ding like winter in this cold region,
and has been seen several times, ap-
parently without a companion of its
kind.

How is Clint's malaise? give
him my love.

We think it would be a good idea for
Mama to stay at Uncle W.W.'s, and me
at J. & D. M.'s the change would be more
complete for both, and neither of the
families would be inconvenienced;
of course we would prefer to be near
you, if possible.

My dear
note I
ring.

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a hard
planet.

last week
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must be

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is yet.
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if we go
are near
should

Things never in good paper among
 of Maria, and all charmed with it, has
 you ever read it? I think direct
 to like like than Mother, after all, for
 M. so perfectly exerts all talent, that
 it is almost talking after a while.
 I have come to announce in your
 next meeting, that - strange though
 it may appear - a non-paper is open -
 doing the winter in this cold season,
 and that has been our current topic, af-
 jointly without a comprehension of its
 kind.

How is Clark's marriage? give
 them my love.

We think it would be a good idea for
 Mamma to stay at Uncle Wm's and ma-
 complete for both and neither of the
 families would be unreasonable;
 of course we would prefer to be near
 you if possible.

long, ever your most loving little sister
 Florence.

Grandma and auntie are pretty
 well. Hoping to see you before very
 long.

Amherst,
 Sunday A.M. '79.

My darling Frankie.

I feel you were unable to read the
 note I so hastily scribbled, the other ev-
 ning.

Did you see the conjugation?
 it was so closely tied, that we could not
 see hardly a rib, to say nothing about a
 planet.

We read the notice of the dinner
 last evening, in the Star and Beacon; I
 should like to attend one of your meetings; they
 must be very interesting.

I wonder if you have finished your the-
 sis yet. When does Clark graduate?
 please attempt to write in your next, for
 if we go down, and the two commitments
 are clear through together, of course we
 should like to be present at Mr. M. Ding.

Homerwood,
Jan. 12, 1891.

My darling Lottie.

We were delighted to get your letter, and were very glad to hear that you had written so much of your Lottie; how many: how pages do you expect to write? I think it is so that you cannot take the trouble to yourself as a great present, when I do not know what you want, and even if I did, would have no opportunities of getting anything, here; naughty Lottie.

Sunday Sister L., and Collie took lunch with us (Papa was at the Albany Reception then, you know), and it was most fortunate for us that they did; as the parlor chimney took fire, and might have ended

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by this week

I would see

from all,

most lovingly

more seriously if Uncle had
our only protection; you will
probably think this queer language
to use in regard to the burning out of
a chimney, but it was different from
any ever seen by those present: they
could scarcely see across the room
it was so filled with smoke, and
the lambquins were so covered
with soot, and saturated with
smoke, that had to be taken down
and aired for several hours, etc.
etc.

Lizzie L. wants to go to
Miss Higgin's wedding, which takes
place about the middle of April:
she is a going to have Gust
mount a duck's head, which she
intends sending to Eng. as her pres-
ent; is it not a capital idea?

Sent to perfectly splendid,
Papa says we will go to see you
graduate! I am perfectly de-

lighted, having scarcely
dared to hope for so much pleas-
ure. What day is commence-
ment, and how much before you
is Clint? It would be so nice to
could go in time to see him become
an M.D. also. I shall feel like
starting about a month in advance,
so as to be sure and not get "snowed
in" just the time.

Papa has a severe cold; he
says "little bird" must have made
some special deposits while in
the land and to his friends, and
that she must be "coughing" and
pretty lively now.

"Goodwill Game" is still in-
sane (that would be a rhyme, but
I think the truth would be used
less frequently, if we could say
she is still ill).

As you will see by the enclosed seven children have been found in that one family! is it not dreadful?

Little Charlie has been quite sick, but is better now.

Ther. 20° to-day. lovely day. Ther. has not been below 1° here, and we see by the papers that it has reached 3° below, in N. Y. Auntie Cotton writes that it has been about 20° below, there, for some time.

I wonder if you will finish your Thesis to-day, I hope so.

Nadie is here, and may or may not go to N. Y. This week he is now writing, as I would use ink.

With much love from all,
Ever most lovingly, etc.

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Jan. 16, 1879.

My dearest-one.

We were very glad to get your letter on time. Very many thanks for the lovely little card; it is the prettiest one I have received, and I shall use it as a book mark, in my book of Golden Treasure.

It is snowing again.

Papa has a severe cold.

Gen. Spinner sent me an Alligator's tooth mounted as a shawl pin; Papa says it must have cost him over \$8.⁰⁰ It is perfectly beautiful. Wasn't it kind of him?

Have seen nothing of Miss Ella yet.

It is dreadful about Lillie's. I hope it will prove to be only her say.

Little Charlie is all right, I guess.

Saw a Titicapillus, Nuthatch, and a white Throated Woodpecker,

come to eat the meat that Papa puts out for them.

Lizzie Paine is married. Minnie and Lillie each recd. a set of furs (real skin and chinchilla) from Mrs. P. Xmas.

We have just finished studying Curanto, so we know those, if we don't faint.

Lizzie C. is at Morristown; don't know when J. J. D. will return.

Papa has just begun reading Prescott's Mexico, so we are in three books; Madame De Staels, and Netherlands.

How lovely that we are going to see you graduate.

Lovingly J

Homewood,
Jan 19, 1879.

My darling brother.

The few lines which I sent you the other day, closed very abruptly for Chapin started for the mail, and I had to end in great haste.

Papa received your letter, directed to Albany, yesterday morning. Just after I had finished writing to you the last time, a butcher tried to break against the parlor window, intending — we suppose — to make a meal of the little canary that stood just in front of it; if the glass had broken, we might have had a specimen.

"How is the Husk of your Soul?" — I suppose I should leave that question for Papa to ask, but it seems the only proper one now — Ours, are more free from

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cold, than previously.

Yesterday - although it snowed and
blowed a good deal - Papa consented to let me
go to the Falls with Uncle - Mama and he
could not go, on account of their colds -
so we took the pleasure sleigh and Cha-
pin and - went; we took lunch at Mrs.
Lyons, and had a nice visit with Collie
and Sister Flo; the latter thinks there
is little doubt about their going to Eng.
Collie does not fancy the idea; Sister F.
says she will see that Hannah goes to N.Y.
again; she seems well and happy, as
do the two boys; Mrs. De C. is pretty
well; they have engaged Mrs. Segar "Goe",
to take the place of their gardener.

On our way home, we spent about an hour +
three quarters with Miss Ella; she had been ha-
ving neuralgia again; she intends going to
N. Y. + Brooklyn, about the first of next
week; I hope she will write you what
day, so that you can meet her; I did

duadfully foreorn for her to get
into the city at night, and not have
any one to meet her: Mr. D. looks care-
worn: Ben is raising a beard, and looks fun-
ny enough; is it not nice, he can walk on
snow-shoes?

Uncle is thinking now, of going
to-morrow, but the snow may block him in
again. We shall miss him very much.

Yesterday was the first time in a
month, that I had been further from home
than Grandmā's; such is the state of our
shut inness; and I had not been to the Dayan
before, in three months! do you wonder
that life is a little monotonous?

We had quite a scare about Spike,
the other day; he disappeared about the
time that Chapin started away with
the cutter; and we did not find him
for three or four hours after, and where
do you suppose he was? - in the
wine vault, with the door shut!

Are you going to stay in N. Y. after
Commencement, to hear the Spring Lec-
tures, or are you coming home with us?

I hope you can read this; our
ink is so indistinct.

I hope to finish both geographies
before going to N. Y.

At Mrs. North's, they read German
abroad, every evening, isn't it nice?

Hasn't seen anything of "Clint's
skin" yet; but suppose you are too
busy to attend to it.

We keep busy; what with lessons,
mending, etc. etc.

I wonder if you are writing
to us now. dear one, how lovely it would
be to see you! you are so very, very dear to
your little sister, for I can love, if I
can't be anything but "awkward and de-
ficient in manner's". Ever most lovingly,
Florence.

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Thursday.

My darling one.

I am going to put a line in Mamma's note, which Papa is to take to the Port, in a little while.

How nice it is that you are so much better; do take care of yourself now, and not do anything imprudent. Is not it lovely that we are to see each other so soon? Next Tuesday morning. ("if we have good luck"), for really dear, you ought not to trust us, the night air might hurt you seriously.

We hope to hear from you to-night, ^{also} hope that if you do not feel able ^{to graduate}, you will do as Papa suggests, and come home at once, for it is infinitely better for you to get well, and graduate next year, than to pass this, & be sick again.

Grandma has been quite poorly, for the last few days, but is better now.

We are all flourishing.

Is not it lovely of Papa to let us go? he says he would go down just to see you commence, but he had rather let you have the money; is not he unselfish?

Mr. Phelps has just come, to do some painting.

Cousin Anna & Mrs. Roberts, have both invited to visit them.

I hope we won't get snowed in, after all; that would be forlorn.

J. J. D. is going abroad in the spring, & is not coming back here, till April.

With love & congratulations to Clint
ever your most loving little sister.

Feb. 1879

Homewood,
Feb. 2, 1879

My darling, Hartie.

Your letter was, as ever, most welcome, but we were very sorry to hear that you had been having such obstreperous patients, and hope you have gotten them off your hands, in this.

How is your cold, and have you bought a pair of arctics yet?

Mr. and Mrs. Archy McVicker, took dinner with us night before last, and we had a very pleasant time.

I suppose Miss Ella will reach N. Y. about the time this does, if she gets started; I am so glad she is going, the change will do her so much good; how nice it would be if she could spend Feb. with Mrs. Johnson in Brooklyn.

Have you seen Uncle Charles

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ever your most lo-
ing little sister,
Florence.

lately? we have only heard from him once, since he left.

Papa says he sent ^{you} \$100.00 a week from last Saturday (yesterday), and is much annoyed at not receiving a postal, in acknowledgment of it, fearing lest it has gone astray; has it reached you?

Mama has received very kind letters from both Aunt Minnie and Aunt Sarah urging us to stay with them, while in N. Y. and although we have not decided, I think it is probable that ~~Mama~~ ^{Mama} will stay at J. S. Mr., and Mama at W. W. Mr. don't you think it will be a nice arrangement? When will you know positively, that you have graduated?

Coy. Minnie is still at Rye, and says nothing about returning.

Mrs. Milton (Maggie Munn) that was is dead! we have not heard the particulars; she leaves a young child, I believe; is it not sad?

The other morning, I went to see Mary Kentner, on snow shoes; there was a good deal of crust, and the walking was excellent; she looks pretty badly, and I think, is pretty well run down; she is coming to spend a day with me, as soon as she is strong enough.

I stopped a minute to see if the L's were flourishing; Miss S. is better, but has used all her medicine, and so I gave her your address. It is on "Sugar Hill." Mrs. Boardman is also out of drugs. Mrs. Miller (Olin) told Papa about Miss S. the other day; it was the first he had heard of it.

Sister I've spent a few days in Utica, last week.

Our colds are all better, in fact, Papa is the only one who is troubled much, now.

Laughing is only fair.
I began a note to put in Mamas' letter,

but only had time to write a doz words
or so, before we had to start for the P.O.

I write send love.

I suppose Chist begins examination
to-morrow; Give him my love.

We did not find any notice of
the Linnaea in Forest and Stream,
last week.

Grandma and Auntie are
pretty well.

Mama and Papa send
much love; please give mine to Miss
Ella, when you see her.

Loves to uncles, aunts, and cous-
ins, if you ever get time to see them.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
I remain,

Ever your most lo-
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Florence.

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36 Montgomery St.
May 4, 1879.

My darling Harrie.

Your little note with inclo-
sures to Mama, came day before
yesterday, and I have been
expecting to hear from you
since. What a nice trip

Collier & I will have!

All are well here, and Cous-
in Anna is getting along nice-
ly. Mama says to tell you
she will probably go home on
the train reaching the Port, at
noon, Thursday, & I will
go the next day, thus stopping
over night in Utica.

I am having a splendid
time. Last night Mrs. Pease
had several girls come in,

Excuse this dreadful scrawl.

to spend the evening, & we had a delightful time; she had ice cream & lemonade for us, & we danced, etc. etc. The night before, I spent 50¢ in a most profitable & entertaining manner, by going with the family to hear Mr. Raymond of Brooklyn read Miss Sumner's Night's Dream; it was perfectly wonderful how he changed himself for each character.

Tuesday we intend going to the idiot asylum, to see Willie.

The leaves are coming out beautifully.

Can you save the child

that swallowed the pin? dreadful, is not it?

The doctor seems quite well now, but is as busy as ever.

Mrs. Pease has a headache to-day, but is otherwise well.

Harry says to tell you he is sorry about not bidding you adieu, that he expected to see you again, & to say it to you now.

The vacation is prolonged, so I can see more of the girls.

We are very sorry to hear that Grandma is so poorly, but hope she will

letter soon: give me my
love, please.

How is everybody?

Mama says she has to
keep laughing at coz. A's
frail, & telling her she
will get along all right,
for she says old women
come in & tell her of people
who ^{have} died & ^{then} come again
from her tomb, - it
frightens her, dreadfully.
With love to Papa
& all, Ever your most
aff. Y. Brown.

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Excuse this dreadful scrawl.

Homewood,

Dec. 5, 1879.

My darling Harlie.

I should have written you before but have been expecting each day to hear from you, but will wait no longer. I wish you would send us a postal each week, if you are unable to write anything more, it is forlorn to be kept waiting so long, especially when we are buried in snow, and unable to reach the world. please dearie, take pity on us.

Have you gotten the lot of goodies, yet? I suppose you will be astonished at the amount of provisions; almost enough for a small army.

Miss J. J. B. departed this (Homewood) life, Tuesday, and we hope arrived without mishap at the great city.

Mr. Dayan and Miss Ella came up Wednesday; Papa and Mama were out, and as Mary was away, and I am alone, the former had to go home before the latter came back; Miss Ella is coming up to stay a little while, if the roads allow.

Grandma is quite well again. Ella went home Thursday.

We are all well, at present. Spriti and Kent are well and happy. Margaret, is a jewel, and Emma is getting to be a very nice little waitress.

It is a most lovely winter day. I have found if the enamel will be the best to use, in case of a case of diphtheria, in the neighbor-

hood; when it is so difficult to reach doctors, and the disease is so prevalent; it is very important to know. Uncle thinks the Frimstone would be good for his throat; It would do more harm than good would it not?

Did Clint go home with Edgar?

We are going to send you some papers that will show the extent of the storm.

There is not anything in particular to write about, except the snow, and you read of that in the paper.

The cypresses are covered with snow, and look very pretty.

What lovely times we will

have to gather, next summer, won't
we dearst? How many operations
do you expect to perform weekly?
You mustn't forget that you prom-
ised to let ^{me} be your assistant.

You will have to be careful, or Aunt
Helen will absorb your patients!
Was it not funny?

I think it was perfectly lovely
in the "Smiths" to make you such
an elegant present.

How splendid it would be if you
could go to see you graduate! but
I fear it is only one of my "castles
in the air."

Do take care of yourself dar-
ling, and keep well.

We all send lots of love, and
are very anxious to hear from you.
Ever your own little sister.

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May 24, 1880.

My dear uncle Charles.

Your note & the Union League inclosures, came Saturday, & I am ever so much obliged to you for both; I was very glad to see the arrangements of the dinner and the style of getting up the invitations, etc.; the bill of fare was charming.

Don't you begin to feel as though you would like to see Lewis Co. again you know you promised to come early this year (Grandma will testify to that) & now you have put us off until June, but everything is fully two weeks ahead here, & it's almost as pleasant as June now.

C. H. T. M.

May 24 '80

so why not leave the hot dusty
city, + come home, before the Lillies
of the Valley go? I know of one person
who would give you a hearty wel-
come, literally.

Mr. Price has been making an or-
cast, which does him great credit.

Hart has just bought a pony
team, which is a very necessary lux-
ury; they are blooded animals,
splendid travellers, and just light
enough for his use.

Grandma is thinking of
coming back to us, + I hope she
may decide favorably; it is so
pleasant to have the dear old
lady here.

Mamma heard from Cousin Julia this morning, + she
says she don't not know yet, when she will be next
year. Papa has been to Ogdensburg, N.Y. since he

so why not leave the hot sunny
city, & come home, before the Lillies
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coming back to us, & I hope she
may decide favorably; it is so
pleasant to have the dear old
lady here.

Mama heard from cousin Julia this morning, & she
says she does not know yet, when she will be next
year. Papa has been to Ogdenburg etc. since he
returned from New York, & he expects to go to Chicago
this week; woud you come & protect us during his ab-
sence?

With much love, & hoping to see you
soon, I remain,
Ever your affectionate niece,

Florence A. Merriam.

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Dear Dr. J. H. M.

I was very
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 G. H. that
 arrived safe.
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Homewood,
July 10, '81.
F.

I was very glad to
get your postal, & to
know through your letter
to G. H. that you had
arrived safely, etc.
Of course I can tell
you no more of the Pres-
ident, but is not it
splendid that he is
getting along so well.

fully, and to hat a
hundred it will be if
he gets well!

You probably saw by the
yesterday's paper the
nomination of
Miller & , and by
last night the news
of his losing the election
through the lack of
votes! Probably you
were not surprised.

We were not at all.

We expected it all
along. Still all per-
sonal feeling should
be unfelt, as long as
the men selected are
opposed to Cor. & will
stand by the adminis-
tration, for a elect is
preferable to C. or P. etc
for that matter.

What glorious moon-
light you have, for you

It's simply melting him to sleep.

trip. The water must
be simply enchanting.
Have you seen the
comet since it disap-
peared? It was so light
with the moon last
night we could not dis-
tinguish any thing.

Grandma is spend-
ing the day with
Auntie John.

I went over to the
Helm's with Dr. F.H.H.

Be sure & write when you can. I have
just been looking through a tin
of yours. I hope you will let
me see it. I have a lot
of things to show you.

It simply melting in to sea.

high. The water must
be carefully unchartering.
There you see the
cornet comes it. After
that. It was to fight
with the women, last
night but could not do
this with any being.
Therefore it spent
my in last night
until then.
A beautiful S. R.
The same with the S. R.

Be sure & write whenever you can, & have
just the loveliest most beautiful kind of a time.

With love
 of love, when
 you have
 affectionate
 father little
 home
 Truly,
 May dear Jack.
 I was very glad to
 get your postal, & to
 know through your letter
 to Mr. A. that you had
 arrived safely, etc.
 Of course I can tell
 you no more of the
 school; but as it is
 estimated that he is
 getting along to some

Friday, & from then on
went to see poor little
Lissa, & the Dr. is to
see her again the
first of the week.

I finished the first
book of Cæsar Thursday
& if I keep on with a
page a day I'll get
through easily before
school begins. I wrote
Mrs. Piatt to see if she
could decide that it was

best for me to go back to
Japan for I think, which
I want to do as fully
(don't blame me, I'm
attached to the dear
old school & the teachers
& girls, & I can surpass
them as well as any
other else, for ought, & if
she could take me;
I should my engaging
a place, & she wrote me
a lovely letter (dear
love) and said she would

And was especially
 interested in Smith.
 I thought it was the best
 college for girls in the
 country.
 With Maria's help,
 making a lunch box
 Auntie Ann gave
 her. Father will
 be quite soon, I
 think from what Aunt
 Ann wrote a few
 days ago.

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chance of doing him. Minnesota seems so far
+ she is very ill, and I do long to see her.
She is such a beautiful character, & is almost
unmistakable in her remarkably business-like
appearance at her, but she has always been so
and that I must worship her.
I think it is her
humility, she has
been in her
own way
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concerns. But
she has been
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suffering, without any
chance of doing her.

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Warner sends a great deal of love.

Homewood,
Aug 17. 81.

My dear Hart.

We were very glad to
get your postals and
come to hear that you were
delayed, but surprised by
this time you are proba-
bly at the Goddard River
fishing (?) away to your
heart's content.

Let ^{kindly} right. brought to
know of the election of
James Wilson: let it

a party for the "Empire State"
to be represented by a man
like him - and yet how
much better than for
Corking to have gotten it
to buying him today
Grandma has a fine in
the garden & we go around
thinning & with my kind
ed expressions.

I got a letter from
Pam. today the other day.

I hope it will return
by letter in a year to the
house, & that I had better
write all my mind to
John & Mathematics.

I hope I'll go back to the
North for the year.

Papa has been to Albany
for a couple of days this
week, returning today
right.

The train table
has been changed & the

is quite a difference
The room train from
The South does not stop
here at all.

We are not through
hay ing yet, but will
be in a few days.

Mr. + Mrs. Roberts are
at New York + do not
come here at present
I wish I could see them

My dear
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Hilary
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room & I'm

having sleep.

great days.

Do you think

take to go

may.

good boy, &

let him & write

to him, I'm

letter. He looks & I wish

you were here & I wish

to see it better.

Dr. H. has been poorly

lately but is feeling

more like himself now

I think. He has not had

a shift in some time.

Flora jumped in

from yesterday & then

got out the wire from

of uncle Charles' leaving

usually somewhat, but
not seriously. The Dr.
gave John something
to put on it, & the hole
is all right in a few
days I presume.

Miss Colwell is
at North Hill now, or
will be in a few days.

We have not heard
anything from
Mrs. James about

Walter, but I think he
will be up soon, probably.
We had a new nurse
(Anna Mary) the last
week & am very glad
of her.

I got a lovely letter
from my beloved Miss
Griffith a few days ago,
& hope to hear again
soon.

I found a fly
with the funnel and
stung me in the back, this morn.

ing - & wonder if it
is parasite.

The white birds are
about the ground & we
have been having deep
runs for several days.

How long do you think
you will take to go
up the big map.

Well, in a good way, &
have a lovely time & visit
to some beautiful places.

Letter

How

, letter

Dr.

Letter

How

I think

I think

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Homewood,

July 21, '81.

My dear Aunt.

Be sure & write us the instant you get back. With lots of love & longing. Ever your most loving son.

I suppose the end of the

week will see you at

Riverview - don't forget again

& then how long before we

may expect you home?

I wonder if you had

the magnificent storm

we storm &c did last

night; the lightning was

fantiful.

We expect Cousin Phil

to be here Saturday - he has

think -

is going

left to be

at a year!

any? They

decided to

riding him.

say & tell.

say who

with, or

as going to be

any thing

not except

it.

from at the Howard
 & blanks.
 Mr. Dayan had up the
 thin day to the paper
 say good-bye - they
 the 26th & only have
 the minutes in Africa, do
 I want to & the
 after all - I'm
 very sorry for the
 the men got out the
 there is nothing to be
 I have a shame to
 be again. Mr. D.

country, you had (less) watch you.

is looking from the
 through the, & says he
 puts the paper & the
 again as he has a
 man. Mrs. Dayan
 had with & look for
 & having it at the
 you did not come on
 and he was with
 has quite a lot to
 Mr. D. told he
 was away, & had
 my best to him.

You should say the interesting part of the world is
 11 years old - wonderful - made 10 1/2 in measurement!

What do you think -
Mumma Pater is going
abroad in Sept. to be
gone at least a year!
is it if - funny? They
had never seemed to
think of sending her -
if - was always Lillie.
She did not say who
she was going with, or
when she was going to be
or what to do - any thing
about it in fact except
the mere fact.

Be sure & write us the instant you get back.
With lots of love & longing, ever your most loving
Flora.
My dear
I hope
Gretchen &
Rivier
& Min
May ex
I & our
The re
the st
big at; &
Frank
We ex
told us

What do you think -
Mamma's plan is going
abroad in Sept. to the
green at least a year!
is it if - funny. They
had never heard of
Mamma's travelling in
it - as always will.
The deal it says to be
the best going with, as
then the best going to be
to what to do - any thing
about it in fact - what
the fact.

Be sure & write us the instant you get back.
With lots of love darling, even your mother's love.

My dear Frank.

Thomson road,
July 21/81.

I suppose the end of the
books will be you at
Pierre - the - I hope as a
thin line long before we
may expect you home.
I wonder if you have
the very important thin
the stone & c deal with
big things big things was
transcript.
We expect something the
told Saturday in the

...tion
...son
...had
...
...about
...at
...1865
...thing
...
...ing
...the
...iled:
...to me
...speak,
...some time

Papa & I are going to drive to Goodville
to-morrow.

I have loved you all & very
well: the day after
I have met herself she
went out in the path
& I have said did not
seem to feel anything
wrong for when.

Of course you will
be the new & about
Giles. The Herald
had a two column ed-
itorial this morning de-
fending him in the
Irish affair that has

made him so many enemies
Nech is very decidedly
better - he goes to the farm
nearly every day. I'm
just here then with him
now. Papa & I went
to the house & took of the
Post the other day.
Mr. Hawley gave me
down very interesting
specimens.

Dr. Stradley's brother
is at Cayton, & he is go-
ing up to join him in a

day or so - I think he
change will probably
do him good - he don't
seem to feel at all well
& he is lost of the ~~stomach~~
himself I guess although
he don't have chills now.
He & I have dug the latrine
& helped him very much
to the big caisson.

The weather has been
so bad for the week that
we are not through hay-
ing yet.

Harry gave me a basket

but Osmoceras tenuifolium
is going to give me some
more. We have not had
a word from Walter &
do not know at all about
his coming.

Mamma sends a great
deal of love, & says to
tell you we are getting
very anxious to see you.

You'd better beware
from young men, or else
will be intensely spoiled!

M. Dr. shaves I let him
drive him & do some paper,
so it behooves you to come home.

Papa & Mamma are going to drive to Goodville

The house
well
Florence
went
& John
Lynn
Worm
Of course
in the
Miller
had a
closet
furniture
Mamma

Homewood,

July 24, '81.

My dear Aunt.

Your postal came yesterday & we were delighted to hear, although the general opinion is that you are getting rather stingy in your dotage - only three postals in as many weeks!

For once you, you say of
fatty you! You better

inform before you go
to Auntie's, or we'll fancy

you are in the hands of
some old Aunt having
your heart pulled out
to appear in sight of
the God.

Cousin Renaldo came
yesterday. He is much older
& rather softened it appears
to me, perhaps the result
of his discipline at home,
poor man.

Mamma went with the
Dr. to Mr. Helms's yesterday.
We are getting a little

comfortable to day, but its
been freezing all the week.
Cousin Renaldo predicts
that in five years all
the carriages ^{in New York} will be
run by electricity, & not
a horse will be run in
the city - I & order if it
will be so - if I can
possibly, if not probable.
I heard from Miss
Griffith, Friday. She is
at Ogunquit Maine,
& having an elegant
home.

Well, Lapham is at last
elected: is it is fine &
useful: 'How Conkling
must feel.' I wonder if
he will ever have the
audacity to attempt
anything in the political
world again.

I wonder if papa has
any chance for this
fall: I do hope he may
get it, he would be a
great deal happier
if he had something de-
finite to do. Mr. Miller

much
a & than
with the
from him.
happy

o the
God about
my sweet
out

must feel rather alone
which I should think, to
take up & find himself
a Senator.

Walter is going to take
George to stay till you
go. Then, & then he will
come here with you.

Mr. Dwan & Miss Ella
start Tuesday - how I
wish I could be here - poor
darling child.

We have been wondering
which the poor God about
it you speak it is - there is

a good about River on the
map, but it would take
a good deal more than
a day to get to it. I
should think, from River-
mouth.

Dr. Bradley invited
Mama to go with him &
the Mrs. Dr. but I don't
believe she will go.

Papa & the Dr. did not
drive to Louisville after
all - it looked as though
rain.

How far up the Saginaw
do you intend going?

What is Judge T. G. Smith
name, I should think his
initials would suffice, instead
of the Court, on letters, it
makes so much to write.

I'd like to look in on you
this afternoon - how
you are at church on the
Sabbath!

Grandma is spending
the day with Aunt
Helen, she is getting quite
fond of her - it's a good

thing, for if you & Muel
go to New York, & papa & Muel
to Washington she will be
lost of washed & then she
she could not be happy
at Muel's Charley's.

Well, Write soon & tell
us all about the Goodbye.
With lots of love and sweet
Don't ever give most
loving affection
Love

Muel
when
I shall
A few
Wash
Yours
G. M.
Love
Muel
Start
rich
daring
We
which
at you

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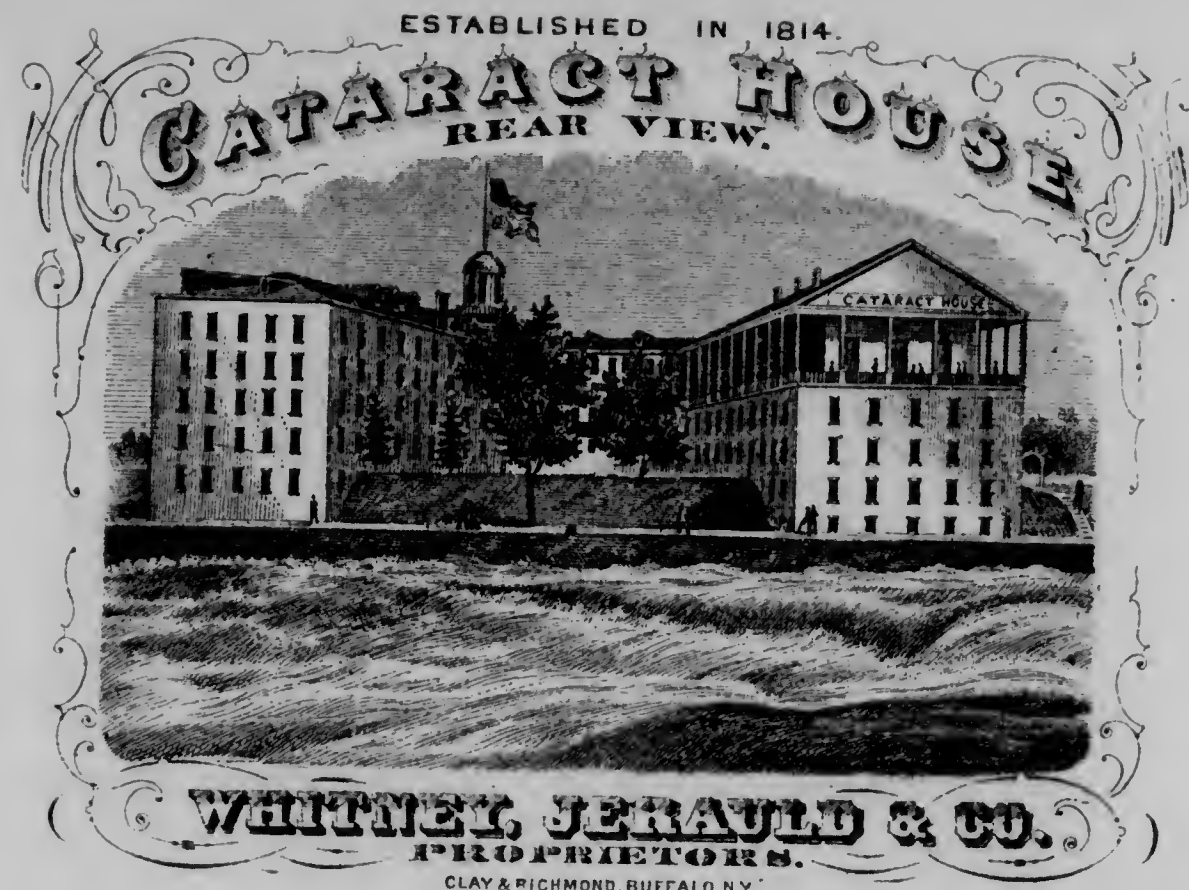
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Dear Aunt

You will please send to the
 Postoffice Saturday evening - send
 Spring wagon & if it rains,
 put in the rubber cloth to
 cover it & trunks - which have
 been at the Post Office yesterday
 - but as the checks are
 still in New York I suppose
 the trunks (2) could not
 be delivered till we come
 We shall bring also a small
 trunk & the black bag -
 Have had a very nice time
 weather delightful
 Hope you are improving
 slowly -

Love to Walter

Aff Mother



NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

June 23, '82.

My dear Aunt.

We arrived in Buffalo about
 1 P. M. yesterday. After a very
 pleasant journey - Frank was
 quite sick on the cars, but we
 left him feeling much better -
 After engaging rooms at the hotel
 we went (in a carriage) to Mr. Hollis
 found Mr. & Mrs. A at home, &
 they were very cordial & wanted
 us to stay with them & make a
 regular visit - Then we went to
 the Chubbout, & arranged to take

two of the girls with us to Niagara
when we came last evening. The
electric light was going, but we
were disappointed in it, & have
enjoyed the falls much more to-
day. Papa returned to Buffalo
last night so as to do his business
this morning & will meet us here
about one o'clock.

The Falls are as grand as ever
I suppose; & I am delighted, &
am enjoying it ever so much here.
The Sheldons are very nice -
Grace has been very sick with
fever, but is getting slowly better
now.

Mama & I have been all around
this morning in a carriage. Went
down the inclined plane, etc. but
Mama would not listen to our
going under the falls - much to
my sorrow - They have just dis-

closed up to go in & enjoy it.
We have quite a good view of
the Rapids from our window, &
a still better one from the piazza.
The water is quite high now, &
so we are seeing it at its best -
This afternoon we go over the bridge
to the Canada side.

Milk - Mama has told you
our plans - so good bye -
 Lovingly, Hor

Crescent Beach Hotel
Forest Grove, Sagadahoc,
Mass.
Lewis County, N. Y., Aug. 6, 1882

My dear Aunt.

This is a beautiful place — &
oh! the sea — I could sit & watch
it by the hour. Alice & Mr. Har-
land ~~have~~ tried to talk me ^{to-day} to swim,
but my heels went so much higher
than my head that it did little
good — I mean to persevere however
& hope that I'll at least get
the motions before I go away.

I've been down on the beach
all the afternoon, sitting, but you
can imagine that the surroundings
were very distracting, what with
the water itself, the rising tide, the
sailboats & the pretty moving boats.

Harry Newland, the young Advertiser
of whom you have heard Alice
speak, & whom Miss Griffiths knows
& thinks so much of, is here, & seems
to be a very earnest manly fellow.
He is quite devoted to Alice, & I
imagine that they are engaged,
but don't know any thing about
it. I think it would be a very
suitable match, judging from
appearances & what I've heard
of him before, but you can hardly
tell upon so short an acquaintance
& it will be a pretty fine fellow
who is worthy of Alice. She is
much better than she was, but is
still far from strong.

He has fixed up our room so
that it looks quite homelike.

Auntie & Alice are very anxious
to have Walter come down here.

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There is not any news that I
know of, except that we eat &
sleep all the while - my eyes
have hardly been open except
at meal time since we came.
Such an effect has the sea air.

The tea bill has just come &
I will pay farewell for the trip

Write lots of love to Walter, Nellie
& yourself -
Yours aff.
J
W.

Locust Grove,

Lewis County, N. Y., Aug. 11 1882.

My dear Hart.

Your good letter came yesterday,
& I was very glad to get it.

I don't understand your not having
heard from us, as we have written
nearly every day since our arrival,
& the first of our communications
ought certainly to have reached you
before the date of yours.

What splendid rains you seem to
have had at home - we have enjoyed
one or two sprinkles, but little more,
& it is as dry now as before.

Papa's letter came this morning, & we
imagine that you are enjoying (?)

Mr. Phillips' visit. Are the
Hortons coming.

Ever since we have been here we have
heard about "The Woods". Whenever
any one was out of sight, they were
there, & its beauties & attractions
were extolled to us with much en-
thusiasm, but as it was in an op-
posite direction from the beach, &
we could get no view from it of
the glorious sea. We obstinately
declined all invitations to go
there, until yesterday morning, when
we had an hour or so to spend
before the arrival of the mail, &
Aunt Minnie declared that she
would not allow us to remain in
ignorance of such a charming
spot any longer. After walking
down the road for some distance
we turned into a path where
Mama at once expressed some

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animals calmly grazing. Which
 she instantly denounced as being
 bulls, & called upon Aunt Min-
 nie in a very frantic manner to hide
 her red parasol which she had
 lest it might inflame their
 angry passions: Accordingly, Auntie
 suggested her ~~unfortunate~~ ^{unfortunate} ~~mapan~~
 close in the folds of her dress, &
 with one eye on the gentle kin
 & the other on the woods ahead
 she made a rapid march, & soon
 was in the shade & shelter of a
 most beautiful woods, when
 Aunt Minnie began to whisper
 upon tramps - how soon had

Slept in an empty house hard by
a few nights before, & how they
were not only plenty, but dangerous,
& it was very safe for her team
there to go to the woods unprotected.
After this inspiring introduction
we walked on for some time in
single file, following the faint
suggestion of a path that Auntie
confidently asserted led to Buck
Jimmie Magnolia field. At length
the trail grew more & more in-
distinct finally disappearing
altogether. ~~But~~ kept on hoping
to get into one a little further
on, which Auntie confidently
assured us was true, & could
easily be found. As we were very
tired at first, Aunt Minnie ac-

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ted as guide & spokesman, telling
 us about ^{the} best men of the region &
 his particular grouse, but leaving
 our imaginations to dwell upon
 the various snake stories we had
 heard since our arrival, & to du-
 plicate them with the accounts
 in the branched & strong hooks that
 incised our pathless way; after
 a while however his spirits began
 to flag, & ours to rise proportionally
 & we both were obliged to hold
 our sides with laughter as Aunt
 Minnie, her dear plump figure

Crowned by a broad brimmed hat,
advanced at a break-neck pace
(literally in the midst of those tun-
gued mules) wildly pushing aside
^{the sun with his own hand}
the branches with the parasol, &
helping himself along with the stick
his engaged ear - a most dis-
tressed look - mingled almost
with a melancholy ex-pression
now held her features, & she rejected
all invitations to rest, with down,
hurrying on, & crying every once in
a while, in a frantically hopeful
tone - "that looks like a battle!"
or, "Eureka!" then she said: only to
grow despondent & plunge on again
making for every light spot that
looked as though it might at

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Some prehistoric trail has been
a trail — in a word, we were lost
not as to direction, for we knew
where we were in a general way,
but between us & home was a
high hill covered with dense
undergrowth & rocks, through
which we could only struggle. While
ahead, as it seemed to our deluded
fancy & Aunt Minnie's memory, there
must be a clearing that would
find for us an easier return.
After climbing fences, cutting all
the brush we could find, & wander-
ing about for half an hour or
so, we at last struck an open spot.

A most attractive place & ^{it was} makes us
full of dead brush heaps & loose
straw) from which there led — oh!
Could it be — a path, which to
our eyes had more welcome than any
light we could have imagined (I am
possibly in hotel itself) Still, so
despondent had we become, we ex-
pected to see it vanish from our
sight and to find ourselves again
helplessly entangled — How the un-
certainty as to when it would lead
us oppressed our heated brains, but
we trudged bravely on until suddenly
was there our light so lovely! We
beheld an orchard, a garden, & —
yes — it was a house! Surging
the field more closely we discovered
two men at work, & I was about
to go & enquire of them our whereabouts.

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the but the woman came up & insisted
 upon going herself. As Auntie & I
 stood under a tree, watching her as
 she advanced towards the workshop
 with a very resolute air, ^{holding} ~~and~~ her
 her parallel in a way that sug-
 gested that it might prove a very
 offensive as well as defensive measure.
 She spoke; they answered with various
 gesticulations - we waited with breath-
 less interest, & finally she beckoned
 us to join her. Having obtained full
 directions as to the shortest way home,
 we started on, but were compelled
 to stop at the nearest house for
 water. Going up to the most

livable-looking part of the house, I
knocked gently, uttering to a
safe distance immediately after, as
the back of a dog & various other
ominous sounds proceeded from
the interior; after much preliminary
noise (the unbolting of the door etc. etc.)
the face of a woman peeped out
through the widest crack in the
door, but when she saw only a com-
pany of heated foot bone women,
opened a trifle more. & while we
were refreshing ourselves with a little
kalia brand in a very dirty glass,
this interesting person recounted
to us various stories of 15-20
ft. black snakes, rather snakes (as
hundred of wh. had been killed
at our time some years ago, I

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which time some had been seen & finally the sad fate of an old man, who had gotten lost in the woods some three weeks previous & whose body had only been found as night was before, in spite of search parties, was offered up. Looking back, we found that if we had strayed a few feet further to the left, we would have come upon another dense wood instead of the clearing, & so very likely would have shared the fate of the poor old man. After this we started for home, & reached there too late & too heated & tired

to take our battles, or do anything
in fact for the rest of the day
except keep still. Huxford we
will probably appreciate news
more than ever, & be more than
faithful to the lonely sea.

This morning when we went in to
bathe the water was icy cold, &
we only ran in & right out again.
Harry Harland has just written a
novel, & he really has a great deal
of talent: he is going to devote
himself to literature for his living.
He has splendid face here, & I
eat — just lots!

Mamma is well at present — we
are on the bed about 20 out of
the 24 hours (?) — & is feeling
much better than when she came.

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I am rather much stricken, & I
have lots of color, & can do up
so much more than I could picture
feeling it.

Now's Grandma - Give her
my love & tell her I'll write her
soon. Well, I'm getting so

sleepy, I can't write any longer.

Lots of love to Papa, Walter &
yourself - Affectionately
Florence.

Box 71 Smith College,
Sept. 21. '82.

My dear Aunt.

Francis' postal came this morn. Glad Cornell is down with - Edgar is a very good man is not he? We had our first class meeting to-day, & as it was such a new experience for me, I quite enjoyed it - Gertrude & I arrived a few minutes late & found a self appointed committee of two, handing round ^{blank} papers for ~~hand~~ votes to elect the class officers - We had been here less than a week, & probably none of us knew more than half a dozen girls by name - & we were indignant - it was so utterly silly - While they were counting the first ballot we talked it up, & finally after fussing a long time, got a chairman elected pro tem, & then adjourned sine die until we should get acquainted & know something about the qualifications of the girls we were voting for.

We think it was all cooked up at one of the
cottages by two or three girls who wanted to get
their friends in — There is a Miss Selig here,
a niece of the President, & the idea seemed to be to
give her everything. Wh. some of us quite rebelled
against. The sophomore reception is to be given
next week, & the poor freshmen hope to get a little
acquainted with each other then, & I suppose
every girl in our class will be sounding every
other girl's execution ability for the next month,
every time she meets in. Is not it horrid —
We have to wait until the other classes have
left Chapel, before we get up! My! won't we
land it over the poor Fresh's next year though!
We had Eng. Lit. yesterday — the hour was
filled up by the reading of a portion of a lec-
ture, & selections from standard works on the sub-
ject under consideration, with just a few ques-
tions mixed in — We had to arrange our
notes & bring them in to recitation to-day,
copied in our blank books, & it took Gutside
& me from right after supper until after
ten to get ours partly ready to copy! — I have
no idea of the work — it's interesting though.
Sunday — I had to go to bed last night so

left Mrs to finish to-day.

There is a vacancy in one of the Cottages, & I am going over to see the room, & will write home about it - After I see it, but I wish in the mean time you'd be making up your mind whether if it is satisfactory, it would be best for me to speak for it for next term, & whether any way it would not be best to ask Pres. Seelye to loan me a room for term if there is a vacancy. - By winter, the walk will be pretty far in stormy weather, particularly if I had a cold or anything, & it's a great deal pleasanter to be with home girls - Still, Gertrude & I have real fun, & it's quite nice for studying, & we are always in our room, & so entirely independent of the family, so it don't matter on that account - Term. too - its cheaper here - I don't know what it is best to do. Tell mama that I won't need my sponge, but I wish I had one wide blanket or light comfortable, to put over

us, as between my kicking & his harshness
of Mrs. K's bedding, we bid fair to freeze
before the winter is over.

A postal came for me this morning to
Mr. K's box & it got lost, so I have not had
it — please send to our once box at New
College — I do not see Mr. home. Several
times but no one pays any attention to it.
Did not have Rhinoceros yesterday, & our
Shakespearean teacher is sick to-day, so we
are waiting —

Well, its time to go to Eng. Lit. so I
must stop — Ask mamma please to
send me Roger's Ichthyosaurus — Don't
know as what the way to spell it —

Its so much cooler that we have a fire
to-day — With lots of love to you all —

Ever you aff —

John

Box 71, Smith College.

Oct. 10, '82.

My dear Hart.

Your letter came this morning & it was fortunate for you that it did, for I. H. has been scolding all the way down to college because you did not write & thus not telling what I should have done if your much abused chirography had not greeted me when it did. Bad child, perhaps according to your reasoning it's well that you did not write before! — no confession! Thanks for Dr.

His letters & the stamps, also for the quinine & stuff — Acornite, I mean. I could not think of the name of it.

What's her sister's name? — She has not said a word about not feeling well.

Is not it awful about poor
Prince - I'm - well, there's
no use saying what it could
not be helped.

Glad to hear that Collier is
so much better. Do you think
Dr. Bradley will go to California
to practice now - he won't go
up North again, will he, or will
the whole expedition only be
postponed?

It's very hard to tell, but I guess
if I don't have any extra work
to do, that I can get through
the time all right. Of course
I get very tired & have more or
less headache & general good-
for-nothing feelings, but if I
can manage to get my walk in
every day & get to bed at a
reasonable hour at night, I

guess I'll get along - probably
I'll feel better after I've been
taking the quinine for a while.
Next time it'll be easier prob-
ably & anyway as I get more con-
fidence with time etc. it won't be
such a strain.

I have not seen the comet at all
yet - it's been foggy every morning
for over a week, but it has cleared
to-day & we are going to try it
to-morrow.

You are getting on splendidly
with your writing.

We don't have any text book in
Chemistry, except for reference
(I have Roscoe for that) as we
have experimental lectures &
only recite on our notes - it
is very interesting but is getting
hard - we had some awfully
further some examples to do

last week - finding out how
much of about a dozen things
it would take, at given times
& pressures, to fill a certain sized
jar with given gases - We worked
on them like our own homes &
should think.

Which Mr. Bicknell is it
that you're going with to
Hood's with?

Our class is going to divide
on Sat. Day - I am going
to Sat. Town - We can't get
"fargo" enough so we are going
in the cars.

Yesterday I went to "Paradise"
& it is truly worthy of the
name - I had not imagined
that it could be so beautiful
It was like the best part of

My dear
You
& it was
it - did,
the way
you should
ling me
your me
had. no
Real ch
your wa
did not
fession
It is better
the given
I mean
the name
What
name
Hood
will.

Sugar River when the leaves
are turning & there is a lovely
view from in one part of it -
it seems too bad to have the
Stigma of malaria associated
with such a spot. but at
least it's safe at mid-day -
The Fall River flows right by
the side of it. I've been
appointed one of ^{a committee of} three to
draw up a constitution for
our class. but am going to
get out of it if it's a pos-
sible thing as I. m. m. have
to inform myself of any-
thing that I. m. do totally
ignorant of.

Our Apples - Mr. Manna
lent - are just getting
ripe & etc. I'm so glad

They must make me homeless.
He an having glorious fall
matter him, but not a sug-
gestion of Indian summer

yet. Mr. Kingsley has fixed
our date at last so that I
don't believe it will trouble
us any more.

Well, I must go to work.
What will be your address
in New York - & how long are
you going to be there -
Do be a good boy & write
to me. With lots of love

to all. Your loving
John

Three labels were in the
pocket of the black bag
my things came in from.

Quadrant Mus.
has.

q. I got up at
as. at a cloud
in court was
up on Mt. Sam,
up & sat down
in Miss H's room
but it clouded up,
till five o'clock
ible, & then only
minutes - but oh!
at him, & when
it must be
It's foggy here
him him early,
not impossible
ht of it.
soon we must

Box 71, Smith College.

Oct. 14, '82.

My dear Hart.

Your letter, together with
Mama's, Papa's, & one from
Uncle Jim came this morn-

ing. Seems to me it was
rather premature, writing to
Pres. J. before finding out
about the Eng. Lit. work -

I don't believe he'll be willing
to do any more than give
up the extra work in that,
if he is that. As to drop-
ping French or Eng. Lit.; if I

was to give up the former I
should not have any thing
but Chem. the first three

days in the week, & wd. have
three Thursdays, & two the
rest of the week:— if I drop
Ind. Eng. Lit. I. & probably
have to read up in it, & the
work I'm doing now will
probably help me any way,
& it's so very interesting &
profitable & we have such
good advantages in it here
with the fine libraries & all
for reference. That I would
be so humbly sorry to give it
up. It seems to me if I
were to give up anything, I'd
rather it would be Shakes-
peare, although that is

lovely & I want to take it
still, I can have that next
time if I want to (Miss
d. the Lit. teacher is not here
in the winter) & it doesn't
matter when you go into
that, for they just take up
several plays & you can
begin as well one time
as another. In that case
I'd have more time Thurs-
day, & Fridays & Saturdays
to write up Lit. & other notes,
etc. etc. I'm delighted to
hear that Collin is so well.
What's he going to do this

Winter? Now suddenly Mrs.

Phillips death was.

Yesterday morn. I got up at
3.30 & then was at a cloud
to be seen, & the comet was
just coming up over Mt. Sam.
So I hurried up & sat down
by the window in Miss H's room
to wait for it, but it clouded up,
& it was not until five o'clock
that it was visible, & then only
for about ten minutes but oh!
it was beautiful then, & when
it's at its best it must be
magnificent. It's foggy here
so much of the time lately,
that it's almost impossible
to get a sight of it.

Yesterday noon we went

My dear Har
Your letter
Mama's, papa
Uncle Jim
Ming. Sunday
Father's friends
Pres. J. before
about the Eng
I don't believe
to do any more
up the extra
if he is that
being French
now to give up
would not be
but then.

to Mr. Tom - took her case,
& then walked up. - It
was a glorious day - her
best thing she ever had in her.
Day her Pres. said - & she had
a very nice time - her time
for her top is, as you know,
grand - with her telescope
she could tell what her
it was, by her College clock!
She has been turning her
tifully now, & her country is
glorious - when it don't
rain! - it's been pouring
here all her morning, but
has cleared off now.
They have a bear & a cat.

The Snake in his Net. House,
& other Charles & A. dancing
hall!

Well, Entire is going
to mail his down town, &

I. is got to go to work, so
good by his love -

Wrote of him to all

E. L.

As Adeline said, she felt as
though her constitution was
all broken down — utterly
sick and miserable, so that
they could hardly stand —
they are both better now, but
still they don't feel any too
well. Elvior wrote me that
you said I was working
five hours a day on my
Chemistry — how did you
ever get such an idea? I have
not written home anything of
the kind, and I never spend
more than four hours a day
on it, including recitation —
that is, very rarely, and I
generally give any time

from three hours and a half
to four hours to it (including
always the recitation). French
usually takes two + a half to
three hours of study, and the
rest of time I spend on
Macaulay, which I can't come
under the head of work, but
will when I begin to ar-
range my notes + to write it
all out! — I wish it were
done! From 12-1 I try to
walk, and from five to six
I am exercising — changing
my clothes, walking out +
back, + at the gym — I
get to bed, as a rule, about
ten, or a little before, as you

20

for Mrs. [unclear]

Partly

[Handwritten signatures]

Box 71

As we have plenty of black,
 plenty of white, and not
 enough to keep us from
 being lazy. I am going to
 make a separate effort to get
 my salary but if the way
 before them is slow - I must
 leave him after that to
 work up for the administration
 Community is my hand.
 Well, I must write to
 Mrs. Ella before dinner -
 Good by. Write lots of
 you to you & perhaps
 you forget things off -
 It will be that you know.
 I would be so about the world.

I have not forgot it, because I want to know

Box 71, Smith College.

Nov. 19, 82.

My dear Frank,

Your note came yesterday -
 Thanks. The little the same

regularly every other night;
 but I suppose after the first
 black frost, as they call it here,
 it must be necessary to have
 any more. However, I guess
 you had better need no more
 more pills. Please, and just
 put down what they'll be and
 I'll pay you when I get
 home. The girls did not
 have child & you; they had
 some about age of yours.
 From what I can make out -
 their heads & backs ache, &

my will indeed.
written, I
granted that
tend to receive
Hasty wh
N. Y.

Box 71, Smith College.
Dec. 4, '82.

My darling Hester.

For some unknown reason,
I had the impression that
Dec. 5th. was to come next
week, and when I discovered
my mistake this morning,
I was quite disgusted.

But my wishes are just as
good as though they were to
reach you in time —
Dear old day! I should
mind telling you really
what they are! Only his
wishes and his days, how
before — ... So I must

do anything but think of it.
Your letter came this morn.
And I was glad enough to
hear from you at last.

Miss Ella left at 11.10,
and I hated to have her go,
and things seemed kind
of like a vacuum after
she had left, but I have
had such a nice visit with
her, that I ought to be
content. She is so lovely.
General Spurr has sent me
some shells — I'd bring
them home, & was.

Esther and I began
looking for a breeding

place a little to-day. We
don't know yet how much of
an objection "lots of hysteresis"
may be, but I'm almost in-
clined to risk it, other things
being equal.

I wish I could be home
in time to see and hear
Lt. Downhous.

Well, I must take this
run when I go to gym.
So good night, with lots
of love and kindest of
wishes for this and all
your new year —

Always lovingly —
Loren

I am filling my will indeed.
As you have not written, I
take it for granted that
you will attend to receiving
the dear Dorothy when
you are in N. Y.

Box 4
My darling
For some time
I had the impression
Dre. M. has to
work, and when
my mistake was
I was quite de-
But my mistake
good as though
back you are
Dear old baby
mind telling of
what they are
nicks and bits
before — !!

er. Macaulay
to his distus
er when he was
t! Print a hard
li — if you
ellegant - mili
tin!
to of low.

ago (our edition
we must not
then we mean
effectiveness,

Howe
man.

on. (He also
y say this is neces
any

My dear Hart.

(Dec 12?)

Your "Preliminary" delights
me — the whole got up is just
what I like; neat, plain, good
type, and nice paper, and
what I. M. had time to read
of his text is very interesting.
Your style has improved
greatly, and, particularly
in your introduction, is
very strong. Poor Gentry!
Scattering is no name for it!
I. M. is glad of it though,
because it's a shame for a
man to undertake a work
of that kind unless he
knows something of his
subject, & he deserves to be

taken down. You & Anne
putty well on the Canada
list, it seems to me, for the
little bird that you mention.
You were very fortunate as
the quality if not the
quantity of birds you got
in the woods - were not you?
Do you know yet when
the Linnæan meeting is to
be? Do arrange if you
can, do as to come here &
take me home. We have
44 Anniversaries on Wednes-
day (the 20th of Dec.) I believe,
so that I could not go up
until Thursday Morn. 22 -

if you were with me, I
could go just as well Wed-
nesday night, probably.
I want you to see the Col-
lege, etc. etc. Write me when
you find out. I wish
you were going to be in
New York.

How is Mary Constable
getting on? How are
Mell & Flora? I've wasted
some time this fall wishing
that I could have a ride
after them.

Well, my dear, I
must stop now.

Do be a good child &

write to me. Macaulay
used to write to his sister
every day even when he was
his busiest! Print a word
& adorn a tale — if you
want to be eloquent — write
to your sister!

With lots of love,

Always (our rhetoric
teacher says we must not
say even when we mean
always) Affectionately,

Thomas

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Love & Gratitude. (He also

R. G. says this is necessary

My dear

Your

me — the

What I like

type, and

What I

of his type

Your style

greatly, and

is your

my style

scattering

I'm glad

because

man to

of that

I know

subject,

then if - very easy
I know that I. n
know everything
last night along.
later I sent into
into you?

the effects up
on our habitual
I can liquor be
each one of them that
- effects will be
tid?

my dear, be a good
d mile to see him

the lots of L.
many? Love.

Monday A. M. Oh - I'd be again the morn-
ing. No better -
you ought to -
know how nice
it is to get home
before when you
are away.

Box 71, Little Valley
Jan. 15, '83.

My dear Hart.

Before I forget it - did you
know a James Abbot at the
College of Physicians and Surg.
There is a Miss A. from Westfield
boarding here, and she told me
last night that she had a brother
who had just graduated from there.

Do you know the date of the
flowering of our elder? Gen. I.
wrote me that it was blooming
with him now, and wanted to
know what the difference in
time was. He says that he

had *Aemara tectadinalis* before,
but that the *purpurea* and the
littorina were new to him. Do
you know why it is that Hubert
spells *littorina* with two t's, when
the Latin has only one? He wants
to know.

I wish you'd send me
Burr's review of your book.
Did you have a satisfactory
time in the woods?

Is the next part of your book
to come out in the proceedings
of the Linnæan, or how are you
going to print it?

Do they have a regular
course at Sheffield S. S. or is it
connected with the College as the
Specials are here, and are they

obliged to take certain things?
Prof. Stoddard says that I must
have to have spherical trigonome-
try, so I'll only have part of
the fall term of next year to
spend on Mathematics.

We have spent all our time in
Mineralogy, so far, on Crystallog-
raphy, and it is decidedly hard.
I think it will be easier, though,
when we begin our laboratory work
in it. It is only given during
our term, so we will spend very
little time on the special parts of
it, I imagine. Prof. Clark is
very kind, and I think he is a
fine teacher.

I am going to begin my lab
work, to-morrow, and then for

work: I. n taken if - my lady
his work, and now that I. n
found out how everything
goes. I can start right along.

Did you take that into
his hands with you?

What are the effects of
of opium on our habitual
later? And can liquor be
taken to such an extent that
his opium effects will be
counteracted?

Well, my dear, be a good
child and write to me this
even. With lots of love,

Alma L.

Monday A. M. I. n - Cold here again this morn-

ing. No work.

You ought to

know how we

My dear
Bef

know a
College
There is
boarding
last night

who had

Do you
flourish
note to
with the
know to
time ha

back! I'm better if they only
 know back, and know that I'm
 found out how everything
 goes. I can shut myself along.
 What you take that with
 the words will you?

What are the effects of
opium on our habitual
state? And can religion be
broken by such an and and
the opium effects will be
uninterrupted?

With my dear, the good
child and wife - to you her
Wife, I.

White City of the

Howard's

ing. Do write
you ought to
know how nice
it is to get home
letters when you
are away.

Box 71, North-bury
June. 15-83.

My dear Paul.

Monday A. M. It could be
before I forgot it - did you
know a James Abbot at his
College of Physicians and Surgeons
there is a Miss A. from Portland
boarding here, and she told me
last night that she had a brother
who had just graduated from there.
Do you know his date of his
forming of his class? Sun. 1.
most in that it was forming
with him from, and wanted to
know what his difference in
time was. He says that he

congress, and
deal of enjoyment
from girls later
one of us was
the rest are
critic. I think
very much in
correctly, but
stiff when I
accustomed in
and come to look
for variety
of such queer
it-fun, and
and fun it
such is life
variety.
cials at Yale

lego? I don't know of him before.
belong to societies, and are not very considered just
as much members of the college as the Regulares.

I'm quite excited
over this fair again.
for I think its pretty
small. Some of the
girls said that
in other colleges
specials would
not belong to
any of the societies.
Are you an
Alpha Delta or a
Sigma Xi? I mean

Box 71, Smith College.
Jan. 21, '83.

My dear Hart.
Your letter came Tuesday.
much to my delight.
Did you follow up the half, or
did you leave the track when
you found out what it was?
I got an extra schedule the
other day. That you may perhaps
like to have - if you care for it
I'll send you one.
I don't know how I do like
Mineralogy, yet - its very hard
for me, and I feel that I know

Can remember. I hope you are smiling to me

my letter about what we have been over so far, but I think after we can crystallography that it'll be easier and more interesting. Mr. Dana's Manual of Mineralogy and Lithology, and Prof. Clark has lots of little wooden blocks, with the representing all the different forms of crystals, and we have to tell what each one is, and what all the faces are, and what the expression is for them. I think I should like it if we studied it long enough for me to feel that I was really master of the situation.

My work this term is not nearly so frustrating as it was

6-day. Now we have to find bonds. And better

Last term. I am busy all the time, but it is not such hard work. In the first part of the week I get in about two hours a day of lit. work, and Thursday I'm busy getting ready for Friday - I have four recitations that day - and the rest of the week I'm busy copying my notes, etc. etc. We read about an hour and a half every day, as we know that we ought not to study right after meals, and I mean to get in some walking every day, if I can, besides gym. French is much easier for me than it was last term, and so is Rhetoric. In the latter we

can't do it, you know that there are no models.

Can remember. I hope you are writing to me
my little about what he is
him on so far, but I think
after he can crystallography
that it will be easier and more
interesting. He has some
knowledge of mineralogy and
histology, and Prof. Clark has
lots of little modern books,
with the representing all the
different forms of crystals, and
he has to tell what each one is,
and what are the faces are,
and what the structure is for
them. I think I should like it
if he checked it - long enough
for me to feel that I was really
master of his education.
My work here is not
nearly so interesting as it was

5-day. Now: how his mind works. And latter
last time. I am busy all his
time, but it is not much hard
work. On his first part of
his work I got in about his
house a day of dit. work, and
Thursday I'm busy getting
ready for Friday - I have found
vacations best day - and his
rest of his work I'm busy copying
my notes, etc. etc. He read
about an hour - and a half
every day. So he knows best
he ought not to study right -
after meals, and I mean to
get in some practising time
day, if I can, besides my
work is much easier for me
than it was last time, and so
is pleasant. On his latter he

Rabbit - Cats - without any tails, and with short hind

an studying synonyms, and
Mr. Felt a great deal of enjoyment
out of it; for the same girls take
it, and whenever one of us uses
an adjective all the rest are
on his alert to criticize. I think
it will help us very much in
learning to speak correctly, but
I feel decidedly stiff when I
give up some of accustomed in-
correctness and come to look
for plain words.

As to varying her. for variety
I never knew of such queer
matter - first it - freezes, and
then it - melts, and then it
freezes again - such is life.
Anything for variety.

Don't like Specials at Yale

belong to societies, and are not very considered just
as members of the College

I'm quite excited
over Mrs. Felt's plan.
for I think it's pretty
small. Some of her
My dear
Your letter
much to me
Did you find
Did you find
I got an
other day. I
like to have
9. 11 and
I don't know
Mineralogy
for me, as

rabbit. cats. without any tails, and with short hind

are studying typography, and
the girls a great deal of sewing and
out of it; for the four girls love
it; and whenever one of us meets
an objection all the rest are
on the alert to criticize. I think
it will help us very much in
learning to speak correctly, but
I feel decidedly shy when I
give up some of our material in
correctness and come to look
for slim words.

Oh learning here. for society
I mean some of such queer
matters - first it's frogs, and
then it's milk, and then it's
frogs again - such is life!
Anything for society?
Don't the Greeks at Yale
do?

belong to societies, and are not they considered just
as the Regulars?

I'm quite excited
over this new affair,
for I think it's pretty
small. Some of the
girls said that
the other college
Specials could
not belong to
any of the societies.
Are you an
Alpha Delta or a
Delta Xi? I mean
my dear Jack.
You better come down
with me to my delight.
Did you know the girl, or
did you know the boy who
you found out about it?
I got an L in the schedule the
other day. But you may perhaps
like to have - if you care for it
I'll send you one.
I don't know how I do like
theology, yet - it may be
for me, and I feel that I know

ing you news, but
none.

has been like one
for his last his
early all his
on out bliding -
a friend at his
and. He simply
on his crest and
to his bottom of
his most fascinating
man! It's jolly
has away with all
any's ends of
class motto is
moderation in
our colors are
red cherry.

I recd. papers & manna's letters his G. Mr. Will
with G. manna's, perhaps. Do be a good child.

My dear Hart.

Sunday.
(1837)

That aggravating case
is so wild that Miss is
telling how long I may
have to wait for her.

Hum. you are sure of
her, eventually, for I have
the bottle of chloroform
and her coffin all ready
and waiting. Miss Hoppin
the physiology teacher is
going to let me take her
out to kill it in, so that
every thing is arranged
I'm only waiting for the
action. I think I shall

you would if you knew
me. I shall be glad to see you.

How much I enjoy your letters.

saw her in a few days for
I mean to put a small dog
in his back, to-morrow
morning. Mrs. Parsons
thinks his cat is only half
blooded, for she says that
if only runs like a rabbit,
and that his full blooded
runs walk like rabbits, too.
Have you seen him?

The matter is still rather
child, but I don't imagine
that it will make any differ-
ence, for such a short
distance. There are some
little rabbit-kittens

So after tea, so I must go to bed.

(mixed blood) in his high-
blood - Would you care
for him? How soon

will your next visitation
of the irritations appear?

I never saw such a queer
place for weather, as
Northampton is - We
have not had a foot of
snow, all winter, but
the changes in temperature
and the action of the
elements are surprising!

Tuesday P. M. I engaged
my small boy, yesterday,
and have him waiting in

coming by

how much I enjoy your letters.

Now he is a few days for
I mean to put a small bag
in his back, & tomorrow
morning. Now. Passes
through his cat is only half
thru. for the bag is not
it. only some like a rabbit
and that he full through
was quite like rabbit, too.
Now you see him?
The matter is still rather
tricky, but I don't imagine
that it'll make any differ-
ence, for such a short
distance. There are some
little rabbit-baiters

to after tea, so I must go to bed.

(Missed head) in his sleep -
perhaps - would you care
for him? How long
will you get satisfaction
if the rabbit is up there?
I mean how much a piece
please for matter, as
proportion is - he
hasn't had a good of
even, all right, but
his change is complete -
and his action of the
elementary sufficiency!
Wednesday P.M. I suggested
my small bag yesterday.
and have been waiting in

hopes of sending you news, but
as yet I have none.

The coast has been like one
glare of ice, for the last two
days, and nearly all the
girls have been out sliding -
You'd be surprised at the
modus operandi. We simply
sit down on the coast and
start, going to the bottom of
the hill in the most fascinat-
ing rapid manner! It's jolly
fun, and has away with all
the accompanying coils of
sleds. Our class motto is
Μηδὲν ἄγαν = Moderation in
all things. Our colors are
light-gray and cherry.

I recd. papers & mags. letters from A. M. Will

with 5. mags. perhaps. Do be a good child.

My dear
That
is so
nothing
have to
know
her, ev
the best
and he
and m
the ph
going
for fr
very
Q. m
return

before it sundown you were, but
no yet I have none.

The count has been taken one
place of ice, for his last has
sharp, and nearly all his
birds were seen with bleeding -
you at the same period at his
mother's place. He simply
did - none on his chest and
stair, going to his bottom of
his hole in his most - passing
by Gabriel's room. It is
from, and has away with all
the accompanying sides of
black. One class wants is
Myder's eyes = modulation in
all things. One class are
light-gray and cherry.

I recd. papa's & mama's letters this A. M. Will
write to. Tomorrow, perhaps. Do be a good child.

My dear Kate, Sunday.
What a separating cap
to be said that I miss so
often how long I may
be from to - said for her.
I know. You are sure of
her, certainly, for I have
the little of chloroform
and her soft all ready
and waiting. Miss Apple
one philosophy lesson is
going to let me take back
say to him it is, no more
any thing is necessary
I am only waiting for the
action. I think I shall
and

ious and
is a great
I did not have
it is not of.
About some
very sensible
of the creation
figuration.
the garden of
last his use
symbolical.
of the Pentateuch
a by-word
People are
broader in
idea of the
movement seems
out, and
step in ad-
the more I

Box 71, Smith College.

Feb. 25, '83.

My dear old Hattie,

Papa writes that letters
will reach you until the
month, but I want to be sure
and be on time to wish you
bon voyage; so that I must
wait to get an answer to my
last. I was delighted to hear

of Prof. Baird's offer. What a
fine thing it is for you.

I wonder when you are to-day.

I wish you'd get me some
clippers when you are in New-
foundland. Maybe you can
make some exchanges with
Mrs. West come on our letters.

What a grand time you

it seems
not make

0 0 0 0 0 0

will have, hunting up the
deals. An interesting experience,
at least. You must remem-
ber every detail to tell us when
you get back. I'm very sorry
that I was not able to get that
coat for you before you left, but
perhaps it'll do just as well
next term. As I'm not going
to see you this vacation, after
all, well, not all good things
come together, and if you have
deals you can't have visitors!
I should like few things better
though, than to go up there
with you, if I could keep
warm! I should think it
would be intensely interesting,
as well as cold.

I hope to hear from you from
Halifax and St. Johns - I
looked for a letter all last
week, but suppose you had
little time for writing, then.
We have an exam. in French
next Tuesday - I wish it was
over. I do hope Papa and
Mama will go away for a
while - it's too noisy at home,
for all winter.

Did you say anything to the
President in any of your
letters, about our having to take
Bible? It's quite funny; I
have not had to recite in it,
not once this term. It was
quite interesting for the first
few lectures, but now it's

it seems
not make

getting more religious and
less literary, and is a great
boy, and I wish I did not have
to take it. However, it is not of-
fered next term. About some
things Mr Pres. is very sensible.
He says the story of the creation
of man is simply figurative,
'and the tree in the garden of
Eden. Alto. In fact his use
of the word "symbolical".
During his study of the Penta-
teuch, has become a by-word
in his college. People are
certainly getting broader in
their views. The idea of cor-
poral punishment seems
to be dropping out, and
that is quite a step in ad-
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2) Think of it. The more it seems
to me that it does not make
any difference what a person
believes - how superstitious
they may be - if they live as
they should. This life is so
hurried that it is in a way a
good thing to have one's thoughts
bound by force, as they are with
a religious person, to something
more than the intellectual.
And although these thoughts
are much taken up with what
seems to us absurd nonsense,
still they mix in with it much
real solid moral teaching and
good. Christ's doctrine was,
as a whole, elevating, and if
a person is an earnest fol-
lower of him it ought to
tell on their lives. I don't

believe. I should see try to in-
fluence any one on the side of
unbelief although it does
seem as if they were mental
slaves sometimes. But there
is little enough in life, any-
way, and the one matter of
being the belief in meeting
your friends again after death
is enough to destroy one of
the chains that bind our strong-
est to life. Our dear old

Moses death gave me a little
insight into the meaning of
that terrible word "Heer", and
it makes me shudder to think
what it would be, applied to
any one. Still nearer and dearer.

The water has never been covered
with water since the time that
men and people are it, has it?

How was it that all these old
accounts of the Creation and
of the flood and all were
written so long ago? Did
people in those days know
enough about the sciences
to tell that such things had
happened? What was it
that you told me one time
about the inaccuracies of the
story of Creation as given in
the Bible?

When you were
at Yale, was there much feel-
ing about the Specials? We
are talking about getting a piece
of our own, and I think that
it is quite an idea.

Don't be surprised if this
letter is held, for the girls are
all talking to me - abusing me

writing at one minute, and
something else he left.

Lucia Freeman has a cousin
at Amherst and she has asked
if he can call on me, much to
my sorrow. At any other time
or place I should be pleased
to see him - if he is as nice as she
and I had gotten over the antipathy
which I am laboring
at present of meeting strangers.
But when I came here I made
up my mind that I did not want
to know anyone at Amherst -
and this impression has deepened
with time. That is nothing
against the young men, but I
did not come here for that purpose.
And I don't think it is the
thing for girls to - Well, the
truth of the matter is: There

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3) is quite a little talk about the
girls visiting the Amburst fellows,
And they come over quite frequen-
tly to see some of the girls. And I
got disgusted and made up my
mind that I did not want to have
anything to do with any of them.
I do think the way some girls
act is too silly for anything.
Just as if boys were such won-
derful things that they demand
they made a fuss over! Not but
what you are well enough, my
dear, in your places, but I don't
think flirtation is very woman-
ly, or manly either, and it makes
me sick. However, there was
nothing to be done. It would be
giving Lucia's cousin the cut
direct if I refused. And I am
too fond of her to do that, as

I had to write to her to let him
come, so I suppose he will be
here one of these days. If he
is, I'll write you what he's
like. I think he himself keeps
an sort of record, anyway—
don't believe they amount to
much, although George May
is a very good fellow. Still I
don't think his intellect is
remarkable.

What is the name of the
grocery store in the new women's
clothing? He ought to give
the new letter just an abbre-
viation of his own name, as
Mr. Aid Miffy. I'm very
anxious to see your "Squi-
rels". Mamma and Papa will

that — Well, I must not make
you wait — when girls do that!

It's getting cold again, and
his mind is beginning to blow.
I hope you have sufficient
rich clothing, like you. I'm
afraid you will find it more
than Brown's tract for that.
You ought to have his buffalo
coat! Well, I have not written

my Sunday letter to Miss Ella
yet, so must stop.

With lots and lots of love,
and hoping that you will
have a perfect time.

Always your loving
Nannie.

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Box 71, Smith College.

March 4, '83.

My dear Hart.

The postal that mamma says
you sent me from — did not
come, but your letter from Hal-
ifax got here on time.

I don't know as there are
steamers that go from Halifax
to St. Johns often, but they
will at last meet you when
you get back.

I'm glad you had a
pleasant trip so far. I suppose
that you are busy getting your
preparation made now.

The cutters that you described
are being illustrated now. They
are very pretty, I think.

Papa and Mama have decided
to stay at home until you
get back, and as I am going
to spend my vacation with
them. I can hardly wait
for my time to come. It's
only a little over three weeks
more, and that will go
fast enough. I don't intend
to do a thing while I'm home
but read and laze. I want
to have a "grad ready" for
my term. Not that I'm
not feeling well: Oh I'm con-
fident, I'm much better
than I was in first part
of my term, but I want to
keep so.

Mama writes that Dr. Bradley
is still at home, so that perhaps
I'll see him.

I was quite relieved to hear
from Miss Ella in Shen-
Hong. I had not heard in so
long that I was afraid she
was sick. She has been very
lame, I believe.

As, as my day, her edu-
cation in Genesis of her location
is approximately correct, how
is it that they have to
write it so long ago? I
asked Prof. Clarke - the min-
eralogy teacher - and he said
that that was his strongest
proof that her was of

inspiration. He said that the
only way out was that the man
who wrote it had made an
excellent guess, but that
was not exactly sensible, be-
cause it coincided with the ^{result of}
scientific investigations to
a surprising extent. Now I
don't believe in "inspiration"
at all, and I want it satis-
factorily explained. I don't
want to believe simply
because I do. How do
you account for it?

Last night we celebrated
two of the girls - Gertrude
and Addie - birthdays.
And had great fun over it.

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2) We had a spread for him,
consisting of crackers and
deviled ham, for his first
course; olives - we had great
fun trying to swallow the
three necessary to make us fond
of him - , the cream, macaroni,
etc.; oranges, bananas, and grapes,
with candy to finish up. Then
we danced, played, whistled,
and sang, ending with some
telling ghost stories in the
dark! It was his first real luck.
We had since he was here,
and we quite enjoyed it.

The other day Irene sent
me a large box of candy from
Huff's - the very candy man
of New York, you know -

I. n already begun to consult
the time-tables, and I'll be
glad enough when the time
comes to see them.

Frank is going to spend our
Sunday, at least, with me, and
I expect to have a real good
visit with her.

Prof. Clarke has printed
a little pamphlet giving
the minerals, with their exact
localities, that are common
in this vicinity, and given
to each of us for our "prac-
tical work" next spring.

I think it will be great
fun to go off for mining,
and I wish we could keep

the class together for that pur-
pose. Prof. Standard explained
to me, the other day, the reason
why charcoal gave higher
heat in furnaces. He said
that the waste products, H_2O ,
 CO_2 , CH_4 , etc. had all been
given off during the process of
charring, and so there was
just the solid material to be
burned. And the only waste
was from the nitrogen which
came in with the air. Thus,
the carbon acts as a reducing
agent, and so separates the
iron from its oxide.

I expect to finish my lit.

work in a few days, and then
I must begin to ~~prepare~~ for
by ~~examinations~~. Some of our
Division were conditioned
in French, and Miss. was
quite complimentary. She
told us that she'd send
out some of the best papers,
and that she hoped to meet
Mr. Harvard Fr. Prof. next
Summer and compare notes
with him. She said that
she had done this for her last
two years, and now she was
quite anxious to see him. They
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that we do. Now that we
have finished her Grammar.

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We are going to have French
literature over a week - We
just go on reading Eng. Lit. lessons
and to learn new - its in French
you know - and recite it in
French. Its excellent drill,
but hard, I imagine.

Well, dear, bedtime is all
ready for bed, so that I must
stop and not keep her
waiting. With love to you -
Always, Sam.

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Homestead.

March 30, '83.

My dear Hart.

Your letter written on the
night, came yesterday and we
were delighted to hear again.

I meant to send you word
by the steamer of the twenty -
third, but, having been here

yourself, you can probably
realize how busy I have been

lately. I was prevented, by
unforeseen circumstances, from
beginning my review work until
the week before examinations,

and, as a result, I have had
to study until eleven or twelve
o'clock every night, and early
a good many mornings.

Tuesday night I went to bed
at twelve and got up at

five the next morning. But
as "the gods sell everything
good for gold" I was then
unawarded for my cramming
by getting through my ex-
aminations without a condition.

Mineralogy and Bible men-
orals, and I decided the former
extremely. Everything was
my fair except Chemistry,
and that was simply extra-
gross - I was so delighted
not to be conditioned as it
that I was almost indifferent
to my standing, but I imagine
that in all stood pretty low.

We had our last ex. am. at
eight o'clock Wednesday A. M.

and I left at 10.15.

I spent the night in Utica.
At the Butterfield, with Papa
and Frank. The latter has
decided that she cannot come
out, during the vacation, and
we are both very much dis-
appointed over it.

I went down to the train
with the girls yesterday morn-
ing to see them off, and was
very much surprised to see
Prof. Clark - our Mineralogy
teacher here. He was going west
and had come as far as Albany
in our train, unbeknownst, as
Mama says, to me.

I had a very good visit
with the girls at the lun.

and Papa and I came
home yesterday noon.

Mr. Collier, and Mrs. Dr.
Camp met us at the train,
and we had a pleasant chat
with them. Mr. Dr. Camp
still requires a great deal
of attention - his applications
have to be changed every half
hour - and his looks rather
pale from the loss of sleep.

We have been out snow -
choring this evening and
the walks are getting down
or rather the snow on either
side is sinking, leaving the
walks high and dry.

It seems dreary to see

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all this snow here. There
is almost none in Northamp-
ton and none to speak of on
other side of Wicca. In
Northampton we have had
the song sparrows, robins, blue
^{birds} jays, crows, hawks, juncos for
over a week.

Papa says to tell you that
Uncle James breaks up house
keeping the first of May.
and won't take a flat until
fall. Uncle Gustav has
had a plentiful fall of
rain, which is a great relief
after the year of drought
that was making him

Melancholy before.

Dr. Hoadley must visit the Woods a day or so before I leave, so that I shall not see him.

I don't intend to look at a book, to study, all the vacation, but just to rest and get ready for the summer term. Prof. Clark wants me to get a collection of our fossils for the College but I'm afraid it will be a considerably later than the close of my vacation before we can even think of

seeing the Grass, to say nothing of being able to dig up the bones. Aunt Helen and Grandma seem very well and happy.

Mamma and Papa are also looking very well.

Lillian is at Rosmiller but she is not able to come here. And the condition of her roads will prevent her going to see me, I fear.

My dear, don't be too much edified by the brilliancy of this letter, for I am tired - I'm asleep, and so don't feel in a particularly luminous frame of mind.

Well, I expect that you are
having a glorious time, and
will be home before long.

With a great deal of love,
Always your loving

Friend

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Springfield House,
Rantucket, Mass.,

Aug. 28, 1883.

My dear Aunt,

We were quite disappointed on our return to home to-day to find nothing from home, but hope that the evening steamer will bring us something.

I don't know how much Mamma has written of the details of our trip, but suppose she all you of everything before Surf Side. That was a beautiful place, and the surf was very fine, but there was no bathing, and neither shells nor urchins. We accordingly left there yesterday morning. They gave us a one-horn wagon with a funny, half-tipsy driver, who edged up to Mamma

until he thought he would embrace her.
The drive to Seconet was very pretty, and
much shorter than we had supposed.

There are a great many pretty flowers
on the island, and I picked several
that I identified after dinner. As soon

as we arrived at the village we went down
to the beach where we found no shells

but plenty of surf-batters. The kids cut
our hands with us and so could not go in,

and after dinner Collins got an old res-
captain to harness his horse and take us on.

We drove through Seconet town and saw
all the curiosities of the fishermen's
cottages. What a quaint, unique place

it is! We drove first to Sankaty Head

Lighthouse, and from there on to Narvinet.

We did not stop at the lighthouse, much
to my sorrow, for Collins was tired, and
Mama thought we'd better not.

On the way our two drivers showed us
with whaling stories, and Emma and
I held onto the sides of the cart — you
know what ridiculous affairs they have
to ride in on the island.

At Haminet — you can find it on
the map. Emma left home — we picked
up a bag full of shells in ten or
fifteen minutes, and before that we
had not seen a perfect one on the
island. We were then in time to see
the sunset on the water, and it was a
very pretty sight. This morn. I got
up at a quarter of six to get shells
while the tide was low, and I found
about nine or ten species, including the
pretty scalloped ones that are quite
differently marked. At eleven
we left Haminet in the yacht, and
had a very pleasant sail down, reaching

him at Inland. This afternoon we
have been to his museum of the place, and
seen some interesting whale curiosities.

We also stopped at his bird collection
of Hantuchut. It was quite interesting.

They have some funny little birds here
that look like sandpipers that his people
call pickies, and changeers. They say,
call

The water was too cold for bathing this
afternoon, and so we did not try it.

To-morrow we leave at seven for his
graveyard. We shall probably go to Katana
in the afternoon. As yet we have found
no place that combined the staying
feathers. Hantuchut came to us, but
we did not have our baggage, and
the hotel was not strongly built enough
for a storm.

He expect to go to Long Pt. while we
are at the Minceyard. He cant tell at
all how long it'll be before we go
back to mainland — it depends on
how we like Kelowna. He want to get
them we can better soon.

Cornier Jules went up the Falls yester-
day, I suppose. He was coming to visit
me in Boston.

I have not found any live shells yet.
I saw some at Nanaimo yesterday,
chasing each other around, but they
were in the water, and I thought I'd
get plenty at low tide in the morning.
The jelly-fish here are beautiful!

I'm so bored and lamed that
you would not know me.

Well, keep on writing me Prof. Baird,
that's the only thing we can say.

Give my love to all, including Nettie
and Aunt.

Tell Edie that 9.11 miles to her room.

With lots of love,
Florence.

Box 94, Smith College,
Northampton, Mass..

Sept. 22, 1883.

My dear Hart,

I suppose that Miss will
reach New York before you get
there, but I have more time than
I will have to-morrow, and so
I don't wait.

After you left me at
Springfield I got my ticket,
checked my trunk, and sat in
the car for about fifteen minutes
before it was time to leave.
Much to my surprise there

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All day you

was not an "old girl" on the train, and I found when I arrived that they were nearly all there before me.

I also found that I could not take anything but geology that we had planned beforehand - everything else conflicted. I have now decided to take Geology, Botany, Rhetoric, Shakespeare, and Bible - the latter, I found I could not get out of. I regret but biology, but it can't be helped.

My room-mate seems to be a very pleasant girl and her father is going to paper and calomine our room; put in a wardrobe, a rocking chair, a lounge, a waste basket, a stool, and lots of things. The workmen are to come to-morrow morning at seven, and Mr. Walley - Alvin's father - expects to get the work all done in one day. He is an Auburn democrat and seems to have plenty of money if not a great deal of culture. He is a very nice man, woman, and Mrs. Walley is very agreeable.

I sent a schedule home and

note all the particulars which
I want repeat for you can read
them when you get home if you
like to. Before you leave the city
I wish that you would get
me a book for Mamma's birthday.
I think she would like De
Amicis' Spain, but if you see
anything at about that price
that you think would please
her better, I wish you'd get it.
Her birthday is the 1st. of Oct.
you know. so that you will be
home probably in time for it.
I forgot to give you the money
for Gray, so if you will remember
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the reversing of the Pop. Science
if you think Miss Ella would
rather have that than anything
else - in time so that it will
keep right on. Last winter
one of the numbers did not come,
I think.

Give my love to Hetta
and tell her that I wish she
would not wait for me to write.

It has been a great deal
warmer here than at home, and
we have had no rain since I
came. Miss Henny is here and
in morning for Prof. Phelps

to whom, it seems, she was en-
gaged. She says that it was not
announced because of her talk
that it would cause, and that
his attention to the girls was
at her suggestion. It is my
heart for her to be back here
and it must be a great effort
for her to keep up.

Our mother is a charming
lady and tries to make the girls
feel at home. The girls are
my friend and do their duties
faithfully in caring for the new
members of the household.

I have met a few of the

girls and think they are very
pleasant.

My cold is better to-day, I
think. It troubles me most in
the evening. Mr. Hally has suggested
various remedies, but I keep to
the cough mixture which quiesces me
if as soon as anything I think.

I wish I were going to
attend the first meeting of
the American Ornithological
Union - Write me what you
do and all about it.

How many birds have you
found? I hope you'll have a
long time, and go home refreshed

for your winter work.

Miss Hoppin says that the first part of the term will be devoted to the identification of reds and some of the earliest compositae and umbelliferae.

I expect to enjoy the work very much.

As I. n. had to give up French I shall try to do some reading in it when I get time. After the first week I can arrange my work better and tell how much time I can take for walking, reading, and resting. I mean to be

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possible, for I am convinced
that it is the only way for me
to get rid of dyspepsia and
keep well in every way.

I got Lecky's Rationalism
in Europe from the library
yesterday, & expect to enjoy
it very much.

Well, I must write to Miss
Ulla now.

Give my love to all the
nooks, aunts, and cousins,
And wish my son and
Jolly John to your boy
Ever, Horace.

We are to have Le Conte's
Elements of Geology instead
of Dana. for a text book, and
Prof. Emerson of Andover is
to teach us. They say that he
is very fine.

I've been up to see the girls -
Helene and Annie - and they
have very cozy little rooms about
opposite to where we boarded
last year on Elm St.

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My dear Hart,

The Forest & Stream came
yesterday, and I was very much
interested in reading about the
A. S. H. How about the com-
mittees? Do their reports require
immediate attention, or are they to
be submitted only at the next meet-
ing - and when is that to be, by the
way? I am glad that the Union
had the discrimination to put you
on the committee if it did - Just
the subject you are most intel-
ligent on. What do Associate
members do?

While I think of it, I wish
you'd mail my mineral note-
book to me. It is one of the

shells of Murels in the museum.
I got some specimens the other
day that I want to put down while
they are fresh in my mind.

Much obliged for the stamps—
I hope to have a good collection
some day. I hope you will find
them articles on the growth of
the. Don't forget to send me
the bill of Gray in your next.
I can't balance my accounts
until I have it—also the
Spain for manna, which I
suppose you've sent for before
this, as you forgot it when
you ordered the Geays.

My cold has been now and
for a long time, I am happy

to say, and I shall do my
best to prevent having another
like it—ever.

Since Gray came I have seen
almost no plants in flower—
the even frosts of the last
week or so have killed everything
killable. I've found a few
others to identify and a solid day,
but that's about all.

Is it customary for cuckoos
to lay their eggs in the nests of
Redge-sparrows, and what are
the latter? See the couplet
in *Dear*—I. IV. line 205.

The Redge-sparrow fed the cuckoo so long,
That it's had its head bit off by its young.
And what is the idea about
King-fishers always keeping their

bills toward the wind, which is re-
ferred to in II. II. line 72.

"Renegs, affirms, & turn their halcyon beaks
With every gale & sang of their masters."

How about halcyon and alcyon?

Miss Strang makes Shakespearean
seem doubly Shakespearean, and
I wish that I could have taken it
with me last year. After getting
into the way one can read by
himself to so much better advantage.

How do you like my new pen?
I like the flow better, but I don't
know as I like such a fine mark.

Give my love to all, and write
soon, to your loving sister,

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Waltham, Mass.,

Jan. 6, '84.

My dear old father,

How do you do, to-day.

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feel almost selfish and

riched in leaving you to work

alone, but just wait till

June 18th. and then I trust

I. H. be better fitted to help

you, you poor un-burdened

dear. I think it. H. be not

of ideal for us to work together.

don't you, Austin? You'll
hate me so much that I will
be able to help you more and
more intelligently, and after a
time perhaps I'll be able to
relieve you of a good deal of
care. I intend to make the
most of the rest of this year - to
get my brains furnished, you
know.

My work promises to be
very interesting, this term, and
I expect to enjoy it very much.

Russell Murray and I hope
to do considerable reading
together. This evening we are

going to begin Lecky's
Nationalism in Europe, and
after we have finished that and
Principles of Species, we hope to
read Buckle. Russin is in the
transition stage, vigorously
speaking, at present, and feels
as I did I know, and as you
probably did - which is distressing.
I wish I could help her to
reach the peaceful state of mind
which I have attained, but I
suppose each soul must
work its own life out, and I
can only point her to the
things that are most helpful

to me. Do you remember
what helped you the most?

Then now, I did not intend
to write you more than a note.
Letters are anything but a blessing
to you.

Hoping to hear whenever you
can take the time.

Yours truly,
John

My dear
/Dr

I would

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feel all

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above, he

June 1

G. H. to

you, you

dear.

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to begin
our firm
and sister must
early to-morrow
not be long,
that I knew
corner.
full of love
act.

Princess.
enclosed to

Northampton, Mass.,

Jan. 13, 1884.

My Darling,

Your dear, many letter came
to me yesterday.

Don't you see, Darling, when
we are working together, neither
of us will have so much drudgery
to do for we'll divide it between
us, and we'll both have more
time for genuine work.

I think I'll make a real
grad announcement, don't you?
Members of the A. O. U. must
know how to read writing! Besides

the girls say that they would not
recognize my chirography - I
write so distinctly!

Drudgery! as if anything
done for the "l - l - of L. G."
could come under that head!
He who is the rising man of his
natural generation - who is
going to be a second Audobon;
set Black River on fire; and do
all sorts of imaginable and
unimaginable things!

Seriously, dear, you need
never hesitate to let me do
anything that can help you.

One can't expect to do him but
always - life is made up of
trifles - and I will be only too
glad to do everything in my
power for you. Some day
perhaps we'll have sand
money enough to get one of
those brilliant New York young
men, who are warranted to know
how to do everything and to never
run down, and then we'll
take real comfort in making him
do his work of a dozen!
Until then we'll enjoy having
things done as we think proper,
and will have only ourselves to
blame for our mistakes. I

talk as if I was on the ground
and we were going to begin
our partnership — our firm
will be Merriam and Sister. not
it — light and early to-morrow
morning; but it won't be long,
and I only wish that I knew
enough to begin now.

With a heart full of love
for my dear H. C. & T.

Always,
Mother.

Please give her enclosed to
Miss Ella.

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to me
don't
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I think
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Amos.

Northampton, Mass.,

Jan. 20, '84.

My poor tired Darling,

I'm going home March
26th. and it is not because
of my health. Mr. Hanna urges
his consideration, for I'm
not an invalid yet, but it is
because if I'm going to do
anything to help you. now is
his time to do it - when your
work is pressing his hardest.
So you see, you can just keep

Just; for that's my object in
going home and you need not
think you're going to upset
all my plans and make me
feel that I am of no use
in the world.

You're just to be a good
boy, and let me do what I
please, do you see? You
need not flatter yourself
that you could do anything
but behave, for when I've
made up my mind to a thing
I'm — not to be turned aside
by a small child of your

accidentals!

Sincerely, dear, when I think
how much you have to do now
I feel almost as if I ought
not to stay here the rest of the
term, but I am doing work that
I think will make me much
better able to help you when I
do come. I'm taking Soph.
and Greek that will be regular.
and I'm reading up what
both the classes did last term so
that it will be equivalent, almost,
to the three years that course.
With the excep. of one term work
wh. I ed. have made up next

him if I'd stayed. There's
nothing like being fresh in such
things. But — I do feel so
ignorant.

Well, I must not take you
here or my own.

Write me a line when you have
time just to say that you won't be
long to see me.

With dearest love.

Your affectionate sister,

Frances.

My father

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work is

to you

15 Elm St.

Northampton. Mass.

Oct. 15, '84.

My darling,

The package you sent me
came last night, and I
was delighted to get it.

The "Mammals" makes a very
neat, handsome book. I like
the binding and the finishing
very much. When the series

is complete it will make a
beautiful little library set.

It must be a rest and satisfaction
to you to have this much of your
work done - finished - ready to put
behind you.

But I must take this to the P.O.
before chapel, so good-by dear -
Auntie.

[Fall 1895]

much deeper lives, and which
hide the calm, beautiful
depths below.

Incomplete

And life is not so easy as
to make it a trifling thing
whether we get help and
strength when it is within
our reach. Every soul that
sympathizes with another soul,
in the actual realities of life
can give this help, and we
are only the more ignorant,
or the more foolish when we
shrink from entering into
simpler relations.

You and I have that
basis of sympathy — we think
alike on the cardinal points —
our religion is almost identical,

perhaps if we knew each
other better we would find
that it was entirely coincident;
and the principles that govern
our lives - the most prominent
part of that religion - are the
same. Added to this we
have the deep underlying love
of years - of a life-time, at
least, I have, and with these
foundations, by going to the
bottom of each other's lives, by
getting fuller sympathy
through understanding, we
ought to be able to renew
the beautiful child-love
that was such a blessing to us,
and change it into the firm,
strengthening love, supported
by all that is best and truest in

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perfect museum
that you
at more
than at home,
be better
the winter
the natural
home in the
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best part of
afternoon in
Museum,
our view

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strength an
the such
wish you our
life.

2/ our natures, that shall be
the comfort and dependence
of our mature lives. My
darling, I can not bear that
we should lose our old love—
that such a beautiful influence
should go out of our lives.
Take me back and hold me
close to you again, dear, as
you did when I was a baby.
Let us help and strengthen
each other — let us be the best
the noblest that brother and
sister can be.

You don't feel that I am deceiving
you, in going away this fall,
do you, Hart? When I came
home to you in the spring, I
had given up all thought
of returning to Smith, except in

a very vague way that sometimes,
after years of work with you,
I might see that I could take the
time and money for a little
more self-culture. But then
nunc my own has talked to me
so determinedly about its being
my duty to educate myself -
to make the most of what I
had while I was young enough
to do so - to try and round out
my life better, that when mama
offered me the chance of going
back, I felt that I could do
nothing but be thankful that the
hard question had been decided
for me. I feel so incomplete;
I have had so little of the training
that other girls have had; I feel
so unfitted to begin my life in
earnest; and a thorough education
seems to be so necessary to the work

of my life: that I have perhaps
taken a narrow view of the
question fearing that my
niece's desire would blind me
to my real duty.

If mama and papa stay at
home this winter it would,
from some standing points, seem as
if I had done more. With
an small family in winter the
life is too unutterably dreary -
it would seem like desertion
to leave, to make one less in the
lonely circle. But I hope
that will not be. But you
think your work will admit
of you at least breaking up
the winter for them? I
should think with your new
book it would be necessary
for you to examine collections

and get measurements and statistics from the largest museums in the country, and that you would need to get at more books than you can have at home, and so it - would be better for you to spend the winter in getting together the material to be compiled at home in the summer. How is it?

I am having a perfect feast of beauty here! This afternoon we went up on Bald Mountain, and saw the glorious view from the summit. What a revelation of beauty on the lake side, and of strength on the westward! With such ministers to admonish you one ought to live a noble life.

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should
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close to
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Let us
each other
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do you
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3) But it is so much easier to think
than to live. The instant I feel
nature in my very soul, and the
next I am surprised into saying
or doing something contrary to all
my best impulses and intentions.
And so it is. Life is one constant
struggle to Be, as Emerson says.
Still in such a place as this there
is so much to urge one on. The
mountains, standing in their dark
strength in bold relief against
the sky; the noble hummocks,
raising their heads as if to breathe
the purer air of the heavens, but
humble in their grand strength as
the beautiful little lake on
which they look with loving care
and from which they keep the
winds that would disturb its calm;
the magnificent forests; the
purifying, refreshing mists — all the

phases of nature speak to me
with renewed power. And
the revelation grows on me —
every day transforms me, at
first overwhelming sense of
beauty, with some word that
it is good to hear.

I am glad of the migration
now; it takes me out in to
the heart of things, and I am
and feel that — I never would
otherwise. Sometimes I think
I love the road the best of all,
but it is hard to tell — it is
a part of the whole.

The warblers are here still,
and are quite abundant.

In fact migration seems hardly
to have begun here yet.

Mr. Church has not time to keep

regular notes himself, but he
is going to give me some
that he has made to add
to my inadequate ones.

Send me a letter by way of
Brouville. By Post System the
mail comes irregularly; but by
Brouville it comes in to the
Fry House every day and is brought
up by the steamboat the same
night.

With love to mamma and
much love if he is still with
you.
Your loving sister,
Louise.

that I had hoped for was not coming
to me. My thoughts wandered,
and the four walls oppressed me
by their massiveness. And as soon as
the sun was seen I went to walk.
The sun was shining with its
most blinding power. The sky
was of that glorious, intense blue
that is brightest for the contrast
of radiant clouds; the grass and
the sun of that peculiarly
beautiful green by which things
seem to reflect the joyful
sunlight; and Mt. Tom stood
out with that grand strength
that is its own. It seemed
as if Nature were ringing a to-
do, and shedding its brightest
glory on everything. There was
no limitation here — as far as

His eye could reach was the
same sunny, inspiring glory. And
my lips seemed to bend over the
graves by with kinder humanity.
Here was the inspiration - the
most invincible could not help
feeling the influence of it all.

I wonder if Mr. Tom was to you
what it has been to me, when you
bent him. The Easthampton
and - that strong outline - the
uplifted head of the mountain -
has been my spiritual tonic ever
since I came here to live. It
always has its message - its
better; be stronger, no matter what
our mood may be, and it has been
the greatest blessing to me.

I have seen my few species
of birds since I came back, but a

great many of a kind.

The other day I saw three or four *Sipho cyathophthalma*?, much to my delight. I never saw so many together before. And from the commotion I judge that there were others that I did not see.

Tristichia and blue birds abound, in flocks, and *Spizella socialis* is still here - also *Minus carolinensis*. I wish I could be out now, and go further into the country. Still the birds come very near home - they are remarkably tame, I think.

Do wish to what the L. O. K. does about getting funds for carrying on the work, and - all about it. I am very anxious to hear.

I hope her heart will not be so
great - as to see you up
again, and that you won't
have to ride all of every night.

What do you think is the cause
of that numbness that mamma
has in her foot? I should
think she ought to be doing
something for it. I imagine
that the apprehensions is being
removed.

Give my love to each one
and auntie, as well as to the
rest of her family.

With your sister's love,

Almy. 

Box 43, Smith College.

Dec. 7, '84.

My dear Aunt,

The box of instruments came Friday. The other things are just what I wanted, and I am very much obliged. I suppose we won't have any more microscope work now for some time, and I am glad, for the days have been dark and it has been very trying for our eyes.

It is rather late in the day, but with this I send a little reminder of the 5th. It is a little book

that I love very dearly and if you take it - out on shipboard some day I am sure that it will

phase you. Some people object to fragments of George Eliot, but these are well selected, and, if one has not time to read her books, give really the soul of all her writings, and give a very good idea of her philosophy (you know she was a Positivist and probably an agnostic) and show the whole tone of her work. And to be ignorant of George Eliot among cultured people of to-day is — nothing compared with the loss to oneself. For to read her works is to throw yourself into the broadest humanity — to open for yourself new revelations of its significance, of the

possibilities of life — to give one a new hold of life. And she does not trifle with one or make pretences. She fairly faces the hardships of life and shows you why this hardness is worth bearing. Why life is worth living. She is an inspiration. Her books will live — she will always give people strength; it can not be that the wonderful humanity — her wonderful tenderness — her surpassing helpfulness will ever be outgrown. She has been to me what no one but Emerson has been: she has reconstructed my life; and I know that she is the most helpful human

would to multitudes of others.

I have marked a few of my favorite passages, though I don't know as you like marked books.

I am very glad that you are going abroad, and only wish that I could go along, but there is plenty of time: perhaps will all go together some fine day.

I was glad to see the review. Was wrote the review? I thought it - was very good, what did you say?

Always,

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My dear

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Friday.

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Yours

Dec. 28 '97
My dear Bart,

I wish I had something real
nice to send you for Xmas.
Now if you were only a girl.
I'd know what to make
for you! There men!
Anyway, you can take the
fruition of the College with
you and show the German
girls when American girls
go to study, and perhaps
you'll do some missionary
work in the way of stirring
up the educational spirit
that is trying to rise abroad

now.

I tell you what I wish you would do, and that is to go to my secretary and take out the volume of Emerson called "Nature, Addresses, etc." and take it with you to read. It has a blue cover, and is a duplicate that Miss Lott gave me last summer so that I won't want it.

It contains Emerson's lectures on Nature I think, and them are a great

many of his best thoughts vented through the other ways. It is one of my special favorites, and I am sure you will like it. His insight into the spiritual significance of nature is wonderful, I think.

It does me more good than any one I know. It is a spiritual tonic. It seems to know the needs of every soul and to reach down to it and give it help. When I lost the Bible I don't know what I would have done if

I had not found him.
Write me how you like
him. Write lots of love,
always.

Love

My dear
I wish
nice to read
How if you
I'd know
for you
Anyway,
I'm
you and
girls who
go to school
you'll
work in
up the
That is

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863

1885-1886

Box 93, Amherst College,

Northampton, Mass.,

March 1, '85.

My dear Hart,

From your letter to Mama I infer that you have not been to the U. S. Consul, and so have not received any of my letters or any of the others that we directed them. Probably there is something there for you from Captain Bendin. He wrote to ask your address and I sent it as it had been given to me.

What a romantic picture you draw of your life and surroundings! It is quite like a story book. Do you think you will go wild-boar hunting in the Hartz Mts.? One of my earliest recollections is of finding together a directed map that represented the struggle of a wild boar and a lion on tiger, and I remember that the wild boar made a very vivid impression on my youthful imagination. What is the bibliographical work that you are

3) doing.' And how are you studying German - do you talk it with anybody?

The Bach and Handel commemoration that I told you about was a great success. Prof. Blodgett gave an address in the afternoon that was characteristic of him, and - but I'll send you a programme. Perhaps some of your musical German friends would like to see the way in which we do honor to the great masters. If you have never seen anything of the kind you have no idea how impressive it is, after one has been gotten into the spirit of the thing by what has gone before to see suddenly upon the raising of the hands of the director, a solid body of seventy or eighty young girls whose light dresses set off their fresh, earnest faces rise to their feet and break out into exultant song. As they go on and the music surges up and moves along it carries you almost off your feet. It is grand. I do hope Dr. Blodgett will give an oration again. He gave the Musicals last year.

3) He is a remarkable man, Hart; I wish you could know him. He is the most spiritual man I ever knew. He is a mystic, and of course his being is very different from ours, but his whole being is permeated by his beautiful spirit. Every word that he utters - every gesture points to something higher - to the true life that we are all trying to lead in a more or less fable way. He is giving a course of lectures on the Theory of Music, and it sets me on fire just to listen to him. It is something to look forward to. He leaves you in the clouds. His idea of music is that its office is the interpretation and the presentation - the expression - of our best, noblest feelings; those that are too subtle even for words. It is to elevate, to purify, and to inspire us. It is to give us a keen spiritual insight - to make us more susceptible to anything that is good and beautiful and true. And that is what we most want, is it not, darling? Without him what is life but an imperfect, soulless thing? Did I ever write you about a remarkable sermon of Phillips Brooks on a Perfect life? Elmore

4) told me about it, and during the holidays I read it. The text on which it was founded was — "and the length and breadth and height thereof were equal." The length was represented as the individual purpose, the fixed aim of the person, without which no life could be successful. The breadth was the broad human sympathy, the reaching out of ourselves to other men in love and helpful earnestness. And the height was the uplifting of the soul to God — and though we do not mean exactly what Mr. Brooks did, we ought certainly to mean as much to us, for we do not mean as much as the Christians when we think of the infinite goodness and beauty and truth? Do you know, the longer I live the more it seems to me that all men think alike. Fundamentally we all believe the same things, though we call them by different names. There is, for instance, this one essential idea in the thought of all men about God. Infinite goodness is the

5) underlying thought in every case. With some the idea is hidden by personality; with some it is interwoven with the imagery, the limitations that have been growing around it for centuries; with others it stands out in its simplicity and purity, far as it not true with us as it was of him of whom it was said that "so much the more, by all the more that he felt for the picture of God, as framed in the phrases of men, did he love the picture of God as framed in a rock, a mountain, or a daisy." There is certainly a very real common ground upon which we can meet all mankind. And I believe that the religion of my man is the best for him. That he can believe, that is a true religion to him, is the best that his soul can know. The more people can believe, the easier is the hardness of life made for them, but though we have not the comforts of faith it seems as if our religion were a more beautiful one. Still, I would never intentionally say anything to take away a person's faith. Life is hard enough at best

And we are not doing what we strive for when we make it harder for people, are we? I believe in what Buddha says, most thoroughly — a man should honor his personal creed but not blame that of his neighbor.

Have you heard about "Ramona", by H. H. — It is on the Indian question, and it is said that it will do for the Indians what "Uncle Louis" did for the negroes. It is a beautifully written book, and I trust it treats the question very thoroughly.

Of course you get all the family news from home. It is too bad that Papa and Mama have it from away, but they write quite cheerfully now.

With lots of love,

Always,

Flora

What is nature?
What name the God?
Living garment of
is it, in very deed,
speaks through
and loves in thee,
in me? and
with other eyes, too,
look upon my
to an infinite love.
And at this
for the first time -
Renunciation (Entsagung).
speaking, can be
The whole look
the one clothes
to show the

Box 93, Smith College,

May 17, 1885,

My dear Hart,

If mama has made no
arrangement about my present
for Louisa I wish you would
get something - could it be
get something together as we did
for Alice? - paying not more
than four or five dollars.

I have not the remotest idea
what she'd like, but probably
you have something in mind
+ if we club together we can

get something more.

Is it true that robins and blue birds migrate in the day time instead of at night?

The birds are very abundant here now — the lower part of the campus is alive with them.

We are studying Carlyle's ^{Latter Recollections} now and I think it would do for an Agnostic Bible. Carlyle gives the history of the loss of faith of J. J. Fichte and carries him through all the stages of the destructive period,

through the "Centre of Indifference" when all the world is a matter of no interest, or at most speculation, interest to him, to the "Everlasting Yea" — the stage in which a positive faith is reached (in his case No-Platonic pantheism) and when his indifference is thrown off — where he takes up the burden of life for others — and from which moment he devotes himself to the elevation of mankind. It is wonderfully beautiful. At this point he

exclaims — "... what is nature?
Oa! why do I not name Thee God?
Art thou not the 'living garment of
God'?" O Heavens, is it, in very deed,
He that ever speaks through
Thee; that lives and loves in Thee,
that lives and loves in me?" and
He then says "With other eyes, too,
could I now look upon my
fellow man; with an infinite love,
an infinite Pity." And at this
point he said for the first time —
"It is only with Renunciation (Entsagen).
that life, properly speaking, can be
said to begin." The whole book
purporting to be our "clothes
philosophy" is to show the

My dear
If my
arrangement
for home
get some
get some
for Alice
from far
I have no
what she
you have
+ if my

difference between the outside life
and the real life of man — the
external view of things and their
real significance. From the
most absolute skepticism, as the
function of the soul's struggle
with doubt — he brings out the
triumphant life of action — the
ruthless devotion to the highest
and best, and a wholly new
religion based on — well, it is
essentially our religion.

But I must write Bessie
Nunn and go to bed —
I wish you had not been in

such a dreadful hurry when
you run here — you did not
have time even to print the
title page of the I. C. I. A.
Good Luck!

Good night, dear — give my
love to all the family and
congratulate Louise Anly.

Always —
Ph —

I saw a rose-breasted Grosbeak
to-night.

Port Leiden

Loenst Grove,

Lewis County, N. Y., June 20, 1885.

My dear Hart,

Love from all.

With congratulations to the Fishers

Heartily,

Your letter came Saturday morning, and the box of shells in the evening, for which many thanks.

There were eight boxes returned from New York: all, I should say, except the very thin cigar box that went to - Blasius? No - I think it was the other man.

Now, I wish you would find out about the weight and then insert some sort of box at once

short enough and small enough to
surrender the purpose, after which
I would be most happy to send
them out into the world again.

The boxes had been opened but
the birds were not hurt - not even
unrolled in the box I opened -
and "valuable merchandise" printed
on the outside with the other
gratuitous official marks.

My dear, if I am going to use
that 2-mlk carb. maery marks
I'll have to have another bottle.
In fact I doubt if there will
be more than enough for the next

Locust Grove,

Lewis County, N. Y.,

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time.

John has caught four
Grapes which are in pickle
patiently waiting your arrival.

We are very much interested
in the Fisher news. 9

Thought this was great fun,
but from the pictures that
aunt Helen and cousin

Augusta draw of their determination
to cry and do anything

be in unison, we imagine that
when he says them
Dr. F. was tempted to say out
"Oh horrors!"

Eddie and I evolved a very
performed condensed course last
night, and it may take the
place of mental arithmetic,
geometry, Latin, Greek — any of
those mental gymnastics — we
think it will be well for you
to spend your leisure moments
pondering upon it (you are greatly
favoured for we think of using it
to implant the aforementioned
branches in Tufts & Columbia

Locust Grove,

Lewis County, N. Y.,

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and this night be like
parting with the patent]
Listen.

Which has the age precedent
in America - *Quercus alba* or
Lambertus Canadensis?

When you guess it send as
a cablegram.

Fred Hanley has gone to
Brown's Lact.

as the address came. Have you heard anything about the
houses?

Cog. Julia is at the Falls.

The Roberts are not coming
for two weeks. — That, I

believe, is the extent of our
news — oh no, they bring the
mail to the hill at night
now; but the house is too long
to wait for the mail so we
have everything come to the Post.

Don't forget to write about the
birds and your telescope, and if
you can, order another bottle of C.S.
I sent off the other birds as soon

Locust Grove,

Lewis County, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1885.

My dear C. H.

Your letter came and I am
much obliged for the information.
The list of names was the new
nomenclature list. When it does
come out I wish you'd send
me a copy.

The Smithsonian Report for '83
has come but was directed to Papa.
Now, do you, individually receive
one, or is this the copy that you
want to have acknowledged?

I have left the card with
Miss Ella, and she will do
about it - as you wish home.

Now, my dear, when I was trying to
find a warbler that I'd seen, the
other day and opened the upper
warbler drawer a rather flush out.

I could not see the CS₂ (?) can
anywhere so I did not put any
in, but if you have any left I
think it would be a good idea
to have mamma give the drawer
a little dose.

We were made very sad by
the news about poor Dr. Hoadley

Locust Grove,

Lewis County, N. Y.,

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but still hope that it may not
prove as bad as it promises.

I have been very busy ever since
you left. Have written and copied
a fifty page paper for Miss Jordan,
and have an essay on Carlyle
all ready to copy, so I feel
quite pleased.

I am going to Rutten
Luckenbach this morning, and
to-morrow my. go on to College.

With much love

Yours truly,

L. H. _____.

Box 93, Smith College,
Northampton, Mass.,
Sept. 20, '15.

My dear Hart,

Did you get the letter I
sent you just before I left
home, about mother, etc.? Papa
put it in his pocket, and I
was not sure of its having reached you.

The College is coming up
gloriously this year. Beside
the science building they are
putting up, money has been
given for an observatory, and
a very fine object glass has

Affectionately, J. H.

What new to science

been presented. Our home
is practically a new cottage,
and we have three new persons
and all sorts of good work
poured.

I was delighted to hear
from Mama that Dr. Hooley
is better. Are the doctors
hopeful of complete recovery
now? I can hear the blue
jays from my window, and
it seems good to hear him

again. They are very happy
in Paradise.

What day do you go to Washington
and has Mr. Buchanan engaged
a place for you in the Town
circle? If you will write
me about the size of your
table and bureau I'll see
what I can do in the way
of covering up some of the
bare spots. Write me if you
have any choice of materials.

Why dont you take some of your
pictures and things from home?

A room looks so abominably
bare with nothing on its four
walls. I am going to initiate
a freshman in the mysteries of
Purdue this afternoon, so I
must stop now.

Write me all about your
new surroundings, and how
you like the quincy!

Dont forget to tell me
what comes next is the name

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don't see how to help it.
Send me anything you think
of, for I have not decided
what species to best of
and will take whatever I
have the best material for—
have just decided on the
subject. Also. I wish
you'd give me some of the
data on the destruction of
birds for military purposes

[Sept. 1888]
My dear, I've got to write
an article for the Science
Association, and after casting
about in my mind for
the one thing in my mea-
surating ignorance that was
less staggering than the others,
and for which I had a
personal interest, I thought
of — now don't laugh, just
wait till I explain — birds.
Of course I know as well

and perhaps it will do a little good in giving
the facts attention. Very truly,
H. W. Henshaw

as you do how absolute my
real ignorance of the subject
is, but you see the girls here
know less about it than I
do, and I thought that by
reading up I might write
an article that would serve
to interest or at least call
their attention to the con-
mon birds we have here, and
at the same time give
them a few points on good

habits, etc. that they have
failed to notice. Now
the meeting comes Oct. 1 I
believe, so you see I have it
but a very little time.
We have the naturalist,
Nature, etc. but not the
Auk or Bulletin. Now can't
you send me some articles
to read. I know you're
awfully busy and I don't
like to bother you, but

Box 93, Amherst College,
Northampton, Mass.,

Oct. 29, 85.

My dear Hart,

The three bottles of Royal Blue have come safely, and I will enclose a money order for seventy-five cents which is, I suppose, the correct amount. The ships you sent, I returned some time ago. I wrote on the habits of a few of our commonest birds and concluded my scattered remarks with a juvilee on the subject of birds for missionary purposes.

I am very sorry that you have such false notions about our methods of instruction here. In the various departments of science, we are taught to observe, and that most minutely. But in the study of literature, language, & philosophy that method would scarcely be practicable, and here we are taught a no-less important art — that of thinking — the art by which one

observation is made useful. For we are taught the philosophy of the facts that come to us - made to see their significance, and to generalize from them - to learn the relations of things - to understand our position in the universe by the light of the past and the promises of the future.

Observation is a great deal but it is not all, and it would be a narrow education indeed that seemed a knowledge of the best thoughts of the best minds of the past agree on the idea that each individual mind is sufficient for itself.

We are not taught to "read up" merely in order to recite or write down what we remember, as you seem to think. We are taught to read thoughtfully, understandingly - to weigh both sides of every question and come to independent conclusions of our own, so that while our reading broadens us by bringing us in contact with the best minds of the past, it cultivates the habit of careful thinking and discrimination, which

corresponds to the ideal observation in the field of science.

I am having a visit from Frank Birds, on his way to New Haven, and it seems very good to see him again.

Have you been vaccinated in Washington, I wonder? It is compulsory in Africa but here it is only strongly advised. Tomorrow, the doctor is coming this afternoon and we are going to be on the safe side.

Since I wrote you last our Alpha editor has had to resign, and I have been appointed to fill the vacancy. It is considerable work and responsibility, but I enjoy it and think of setting up as a second "Homestead Gazette" when I leave College. It is a little trying this time as my first paper is coming at an open meeting - when the townspeople are invited - still, the folks have done pretty well,

Frank wants to be remembered.

and I trust the people will not be too much
bored. Do you suppose Price will dare to
do any harm if he can get bail so as to be
at large until March?

Have you seen Harry's book? It is very
clearly written. The name of it is "As it has
Written" by Sidney Lusca.

Have the Fishers gone on yet, and what do
the boys think of their new home.

Don't forget to send me the new nomenclature
when it is published.

I particularly wanted to know about the
bird that flies high before this Alpea meeting.
but I wish you'd write me anyway when
you have time.

If you know any good reference books
on the subject of the intelligence versus
instinct, or rather, reason versus association
of animals. I wish you would send me
their names, as we are discussing the subject now.

Box 93, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.,
Nov. 8, '85.

My dear Hart;

I was very glad to get your letter and hear that you are so pleasantly situated.

You ought to get inspiration from sitting at 'father Abraham's' desk.

Larks don't fly high, do they? I'll copy the poem to which I referred, and then you will know exactly what I mean. It was in the last Alpha paper and is beautiful, I think as much so to us as to anyone, though we mean by prayer, aspirations toward the good and beautiful rather than anything more personal.

My friend, Gertrude Perry wrote it. She has a great deal of poetical talent - she wants a bird for lark.
Why?

Carol larks upon the roof,

Soaring high,

Lark and breeze and water rief,

Drum and I.

Rock and sky and river gray.

Why not I?

Sky of blue and rock of gray

Question, why?

Is not it an exquisite little thing? The great charm is in the suggestiveness, and the profound feeling for nature.

When is Dr. Hoadley? Papa said that he was going to get well. How is he now?

I may go to see Aunt Hattie for a day at Thanksgiving.

Be a good boy and don't work too hard. You know you won't accomplish so much in the long run, if you do.

How soon are the fishes going on?

Is Royal Glen only twelve cents a bottle?

Give my regards to Mr. Henshaw.

Why does not the new nomenclature come out?

Alw. F. H.

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me.

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Box 43, Smith College,
Northampton, Mass.,
Nov. 15, '85.

My dear East;

I sent you yesterday and
the day before copies of the
Herald and Worcester Times
containing an article on "Bird
Slaughter," as Mr. North intitled
it. The main part of it
is the same as the last of
my paper that I read before
the Science Association.

I thought as long as I
had it on hand the last

I could do now to use it.

Mr. Brockway took the
unwarrantable liberty of printing
my private letter to him,
but it can't be helped now.

Don't worry about my
having the paper. There are
only two next term, in my
administration, and I'm not
going to take many hours
next term, anyway, so that I
don't believe it will ruin
my constitution.

Is it it glorious that

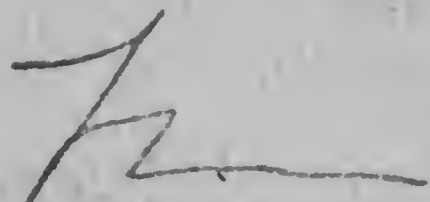
Papa and Mama are
going away for the winter?
When does the A. D. U.
meeting come? Will it bring
you in New York during
the xmas vacation (Dec. 16 -
Jan. 7)? If so, we can
have quite a family reunion.

Minnie Pease writes me
that after Harry graduates
in June, he is going to
Germany to study in the
Heima hospital for a year.

Don't forget that you owe
me two letters now, so write
when you have time.

With love.

Hastily,



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Box 93, Trinity College,

Northampton, Mass.,

Dec. 2, 1885.

My dear Hart:

How do you suppose I've
found her? One of your
correspondents who knows Brewster,
Archibald, Bendire, Bryant, and
a number of American ornithol-
ogists besides Mrs. Harriette and
Chambrelain in the same way—
Miss Hardy, the daughter of
The Bangor, Me. collector.

She is the most interesting girl
I have met in a long time.

Her father is getting his collection

for her and she has been his assistant in the work for eight years, keeping his books, making up his skins, and doing all sorts of work in that direction. She knows a great deal, naturally, and gets excellent notes of her own and hears interesting things from the father as well as the old guides who come to bring him skins - he is a fine dealer, you know.

We are planning to observe together in the spring, and I hope to get into better walking trim by that time

so that we can take good tramps together. She can walk as far as she wants to - does not know what it is to get tired. In the fall she walked over to East Hampton, climbed Ronatuck, without knowing of the path, and walked along the ridge and home by the other side (Mt. Tom village) of the mountain. It was about fifteen miles and she got home by moonlight, but she evidently enjoyed it and said she got

some interesting specimens.
Just think of her going all
alone too! She said she
had hoped to see a rattlesnake
but did not find any.
She is beginning her course
splendidly, for she has taken
examinations ahead so that she
has nine hours of sophomore
work this term, and for a
regular that means endless
satisfaction in ability to
elect work Junior and Senior
years. She boards in the
new house with the rest
of the Freshies but she will

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with the other classes.

You ought to get her
father to send you full
notes for he is a remarkably
thoughtful observer I judge
from what she says, and
gets an immense amount
of information from the
guides and trappers.

Did you get the box
of beads and rings I sent
you, and could you
explain the mystery?

I gave it up in despair.

Your letter that was to be forthcoming has not arrived yet, but I live in hope.

Bessie Murrain is coming here next week on her way home for the vacation, and I grow young in the prospect, though it is near examination week.

They are busy getting ready for the winter, at home, and of course you have

heard of the decision not to leave until after the vacation. Mamma suggested that perhaps we would go to Syracuse for a few days before the opening of the term.

College closes about the fifteenth and Isabel ^{Estlin} says she will have plenty of room in her trunk so if you call at 806 12th St. you can get a petite parcel from your sister and possibly a little

miscellaneous news that may
interest you apropos of
the Winter world.

I was delighted to hear
about Holt and Co. That
is truly satisfactory. The
illustrations of the second
edition of mammals is what
gratifies me the most for the
immediate future.

But whatever good fortune
comes to you, dear, may
this and every new year
bring you new blessings in
all that is true and noble.
Kisses a birthday kiss, Always
Florence.

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Box 93, Smith College,
Northampton, Mass.,
Dec. 13, '85.

My dear Hart;

Your note, with its light exag-
gerated statement about my "corres-
pondence" with Dr. Bradley
came Friday.

Like yourself, I saw a human
soul just emerging from the black
abyss of moral degradation, standing
dazed and trembling on the edge of
another deeper blacker abyss, too
bewildered, too weak, too hopeless
and helpless to climb the bold
rocky face of the mountain that
offered its only escape from
utter ruin. Would it have
been human to leave it trembling

on the verge of destruction - to see
it - better and fall without raising
a finger to help it - without sending
a word to pierce the terrible darkness
and help to strength and courage?
You thought not, you knew not -
you would have been wronging your
manhood if you had not done as
you did - had not come to the rescue
and, taking the poor weak wanderer
by the hand, led him on till he had
a firm foothold on the mountain.

I thought not, I knew not, and
I would have been wronging my
manhood if, unable to give the
practical help that was in your
power, I had not done what I could,
had not tried to inspire hope and
courage; urging to self-reliant strength,
to the pursuit of an unselfish aim,
to a true broader manhood, to a

development of the possibilities
held by each human soul;
encouraging to a new life by words
written with the life blood of those
who have come through the deepest
human experiences strong noble
men and women, and who are
most fitted to be to other souls
a cup of strength in some great agony.
This is what we have done in
our different ways, and as you
will keep on giving practical
manly furtherance, I intend to do
what little I can, as from time
to time I find words that I think
may help in the long hard struggle
that lies before every weak fallen soul.

Bessie came Wednesday and
we are having a good quiet visit.

We both leave to-morrow morning,
she going to Maine, and I going home.
She wants to be remembered,

As I wrote you, Isabel Eaton
is going to take your package in
her trunk. I know you don't
approve of sending things by people,
but she had room and postage
and broken edges appeal to my
sense of economies in general.

Besides, I did not think you would
mind calling for them. I rather
flattered myself that you might
be glad to hear so directly from
your small sister — in any case
Isabel leaves Wednesday with a
package in her trunk for "the dear
doctor", and if his high and mightiness
will condescend to call at 806 12th St.
he will probably find it there.

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The calendar is an experiment, but
Howell is pretty sure to be good
even if he is haggled, and I trust
it won't be the disappointment
that my Ruskin one has been this
year. The Emerson is one of my
two favorite volumes. I think the
Nature series, Address, and
Literary Ethics are almost as fine
as anything he has written, and
I hope you will like them.

I'll send you an official
notification of the receipt of the
A. O. U. announcement when I
get home and can enclose a
check. I suppose interest +
\$3.00 = brains in your nomen-
clature. I should say

brains + interest + \$3.00 = Miss Hardy as
an assoc. member and advises
you to put her in next time.

I am going to visit Elvior
to spend part of the vacation
with me...

If it is not too much
mental effort please think up
the name of a bird instead
of lark and send it, because
Granette knows that I have
asked you for it and she
wanted to know the other day
if I had heard yet. She
will probably publish the poem
and does not want to give a
false idea of the scope or flight

of a lark, as has been done
in the past.

Don't work too hard - it don't
pay, and that is a common fact.

With love,

Always,

Flower.

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I think that
scent mixed
because we
on the
get back by
one road down
work comes.
The Falls to -
them all
about Clark
confusion
The English
is ordinary

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Dec. 25, '85.

My dear, we could not find
Gerard's Birds of Long Island,
anywhere. What sort of a
looking book is it?

The box of bird skin I found
but not the last bags.

Possibly it may be in one
of the desk drawers, I did not
think to look there.

The books are in, and
ready to pack, but Auntie
has been up for the day
so they may not get off

before Monday.

I am going to write a
biologic-philosophical thesis
on evolution this term, and
don't you want to let me
take your Spenser, Macaulay,
and Darwin? I'll take
good care of them, and it
will save me a good deal
of trouble if I can have them
in my room instead of going
to the library for them.

What are the other best
authorities on evolution?

Bessie M. has sent me an

of the most precious I have
ever had. A calendar with
a quotation she has written
in for every day; and you
can imagine they are good
if she collected them.

I'm glad you saw Rachel.
Did she tell you that I
put the maples I directed
to you on that bird-head
package inside the box, and
directed it to Papa on the
outside? She and Bessie
were talking so fast at the
time, and I had so much
Alpha on my mind that

it's a wonder I did it and
it to Egypt. I think that
was the most absurd minded
thing I ever did.

If we go to Syracuse we
will probably leave on the
3d as I want to get back by
the 5th. to get some work done
before the rush of work comes.

Papa went to the Falls to-
day and found them all
comfortably well.

What I meant about Clark
errors was the confusion
in literature of the English
sky-lark with our ordinary

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Locust Grove, N. Y.

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must have fallen short of
material to have selected
you for the technical parts!
I suppose they thought they
were sure of getting six
pages of measurements for
every descriptive mention
they might make of leg or
tail, and so they'd manage
to get out a couple of
quarts!

Don't undertake too much,
my dear — you must sit by

to rival the grayhair of your
ancestors yet awhile. Black
looks best with rosy cheeks.

Uncle James has sent
Papa a 7 x 14 photograph
of himself taken by Larouy,
and it is the best likeness
we've ever seen. It could
scarcely be bettered.

Give my love to Miss
Brigham, and remember
me to Mr. Nelson. How
is he getting on with that
book he was writing, and

will he stay in Washington?

Aunt Helen goes in to
see Grandma every day, rain
or snow, and she seems to be
anticipating her winter's work
in the herbarium with much
pleasure.

Mamma sends love, and
says she wishes you could
have helped us eat our
Christmas dinner.

Write as soon as you can
about the books, please.

Our mail will come to
Locust Grove again after Jan. 1.

If you think of any place
where the bugs on the L. G.
birds would be likely to be
quite and I will see if I
can find them. I seem
maged round considerably
this morning but I may have
overlooked them.

Is Walter going to school?
and how are the twins, and
are they as different as
they look?

Always,

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I suggest
that Henry get
the book at
the lower
library.
Box 93, Smith College,
Northampton, Mass.
Jan. 17, '86
My dear Hart:
Did Mauna tell you
that I took back some of
your brown cotton flannel
for a table cover? I meant
to write you about it before.
My white one hurt my
eyes - or rather the glare from
it - in the evening, and so I
took that - I thought you
would not mind.

Please tell me what is the

Hille Louis
Flower

standing of Wallace - the
evolution man?

What are blue-birds doing
here this time of year?

I saw several yesterday,
outside my window, and
Geahel saw some this
morning after the storm.

Is it it - good that
Papa and Mama have
actually started? I suppose

they are at the Falls
to-day, and Mama will
go to Marlborough to-

morrow or next-day, while
Papa goes on to New York.

We have had -26° here -
for several days last week
it kept in the vicinity of
 -15° . It was -30° at
home!

Our paper is not published
yet - we are talking of it,
but the faculty object.

Perhaps G. L. and you the
ms. of one of my editorials
some time, when you want
to practice reading writing.

It would undoubtedly be a
good exercise for you!

I think that picture of the
Lester twins is capital - a
perfect character study - are
they as absolutely unlike as
they look in that?

Did you know that Carolyn
had been sick? Mamma
note something about her
having a fit.

To the Ans sent to members
of the A. O. U?

I wish I could afford to
get the new check list. Will
the new nomenclature go into

immediate use? (N. B. please answer.) I think
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Box 93, Smith College,

Northampton, Mass.

Jan. 24, '86.

My dear Aunt:

I was very sorry to hear
that you had been sick -

Mr. Doctor - don't be so

independent - don't work so

hard that you must of

necessity catch the first

thing that is wafted to

you through the Keyhole -

be a good child and

study over the fact that
All Men are mortal

C.H. is a man

∴ C.H. is mortal

which you may have

forgotten - you went to
college so many centuries
ago.

Thank you ever
so much, my dear, for
the New Code & Check
List. I will be very
glad to have it.

I will try to get Husley's
article.

Shall I send Mr. Foster
my address, or will
Mr. Cory do it - he sent
my bill here.

When does the next Ark
come out?

Miss Hardy wears feathers,
I am sorry to say, but
I will give her Captain
Bendish's message and
perhaps she will think the

matter one more seriously
than she has done before.

I suppose you know
that Mamma is at Auntie
Kate's, and Papa in New
York.

This afternoon we
have been hearing letters
from the various Indian
and colored girls we
are supporting in Hampton,
and it is inspiring to see
how in earnest they are

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among their people - The

Indian girl, Susan

Le Fliche, intends to be a

Physician if her parents

will consent, but if not,

she is going to teach

among the Indians.

One of our girls, from

'84, is down there teaching

for nothing, and she

rites enthusiastically -

Addie Hale - The girl
who was sick at the Parsons
when you were here
Freshman year, is teaching
in a college in Florida,
and she says the work
among the southern people
is intensely interesting.

As you succeeded so
poorly with my last
letter I'll send you
the ltr. of one of my
editorials - as the girl

who copied it - for the
paper found it easy
reading, I think it will
be good practice for you.
Miss Jordan told me the
other day that she thought
the article had affected
the elections this term -
that more had elected
republicans on account of
it. I felt that it was
a good opportunity for
"a preach" and so I

improved it, and it is a
comfort to know that it
did some good.

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Yours

Box 93, Smith College.

Feb. 26, '86

My dear Hart;

Hardy

Know

some

Wells

girls who

will probably

take it up, too.

Miss Hardy and I are going

to start a society for the

protection of birds, here in College,

and if you can give us any

points I wish you would.

I have written Mr. Bicknell

to see what he can do for us

in the way of furnishing

statistics, etc.

In order to have meetings of

any interest we propose to have

papers on popular omitted -

Give my love to Papa & Mama, & do you
know if any feathers are manufactured?
logical subjects - conducive to
general interest and enforcing
the ground of the society by
emphasizing the importance
of bird life. We hope to
organize clubs for field work
during migrations, and excite
interest that will be lasting.
Of course statistics, prospecting,
writing for local papers, etc. etc.
will be part of the work, &
perhaps we can do something
in the line of inducing
small boys to leave off
wholesale firing & take up

about the ostrich industry? - are any ostriches killed
for their feathers now? Always - for

intelligent observation. Mr.
St. John had an observation
class for boys last year
Prof. Pillsbury says, and
Prof. P. has a class this
winter for general preparation
practical work - study of
birds in general, with method
of identification, & so on.
If you have any statistics
please send them to me -
any ideas on constitution
or anything else in the
connection would be
a help. We have ten or

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prospective
water members already, &
we have only just begun
talking it up. The girls take
to the idea very quickly, and
were very much interested.
We are going to make Miss
Jordan president, as her
influence will do a great
deal for us, & she will keep
the society going after
we have departed.

We are going to organize
this term - to anticipate
spring hats so please send
whatever you may have as

soon as possible. One of the freshmen who is particularly
interested has written me is to write some friends in Maine &

she thinks they will start a
My dear Miss
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don't object, and then when you are home we'll try to
out - Jerry
write me all the news and don't
worry me all the time and don't
worry me all the time and don't
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My dear
Hart;
With
a great
deal of
love,
I
am
yours
for
you.

H. B. Please send
me a few schedules.

Box 93, Amherst College,
Northampton, Mass.,
Apr. 18, 1886.

The package of migration circulars
came safely, and I was very glad
to get them. The chairman of the
Field Work Committee is away now, but
as soon as he gets back they will
be given him for distribution.

The fields are full of birds now -
chipping sparrows, juncos, warblers,
kingfishers, and the earlier birds, with
an occasional juncos and chickadee
left behind. I heard *Rufus borealis*
day before yesterday. Hepaticas, blood-
root,adder-tongue, and arbutus are
in bloom, and the country is getting
green and lovely.

I have not ordered the Audubon
circulars for you yet as I was waiting
for the second edition of the Bulletin.

I think it is better to distribute the two together, and then those who want more facts than they get in the Audubon can be satisfied while they are still interested.

The girls bring back very encouraging reports. The milliner in the largest Brooklyn hat furnishing store told our secretary that she had ^{as much} heard anything talked about for weeks as the Audubon Soc. — that almost every lady who came in had something to say, and that she thought almost everybody laughed. In Providence the milliners are trying to meet the non-falter demands, and in Boston the change in fashion is directly attributed to the protection movement. One of our girls has gotten a Kansas friend to form a society, and the work of writing for local papers has begun.

Miss Hardy tried to get Mr. Brewster to

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come to our April meeting, but he was unable to on account of the business that has come with his father's death.

We have about fifty members already, and the girls have not done much about giving in their names.

Has anything more been done about the reparation?

What have you decided about a house? I should think it would cost less to store your things than to pay rent in the summer when you are not there. That's what Uncle Wallace is going to do — store their things and stay at Uncle Gus during the summer.

You forgot to give me back those slips and my ms. but if you send the slips you can keep the ms. and bring it home next summer.

Could you make out the meaning of my various interrogation points in your lecture? One thing I remember of

thought of in general, which is, if you are going to lecture, you ought to write shorter sentences, because of the greater ease and force of delivery. In listening people lose the sight of very long sentences. Miss Jordan gave me a good rule about quotations - that they ought to be put in so that in reading aloud - not seeing the marks, one could always tell where the quotation began and ended. Another thing I think you want to be careful about. Everyone who knows a subject thoroughly is liable to forget that his hearers are not as familiar with the ground, and to go from one point to another - the connection being perfectly obvious to his informed mind - without stopping to say A is B and therefore C is D. You want to enforce your points. What may seem like repetition to you is ^{clear} statement of a hazy fact to them - do you see what I mean?

Another thing that I meant to speak to you about if there had been time that morning was what you said about people's attributing migration to a miraculous power. I don't believe in refraining from such remarks from policy for I think as little of that motive as you do, but it seems to me it touches something deeper - deeper even than bad taste. You know the worst kind of bigotry is that of those who are supposed to be liberal - their intolerance is the most illogical, and yet I often find it the very hardest to keep clear of. But the more I think of it, the more firmly I believe that under all differences of creed and form, or no form, all people think ultimately the same things. The God of the orthodox man is merely a synthesized form of our conception of the Unknownable. The principle of causality by which science explains

the miracles of superstitions ago, leave us in profound perplexity before the deeper questions of the universe — if causality holds how can there be a First Cause? — we stand face to face with the unknowable. Our knowledge is only less of ignorance. Ultimately we recognize the same principles that govern the orthodox man. Is it is with Christianity — we do not bow before the man Christ, but the best part of our nature responds to the grand thought for which he stands — self-sacrifice and devotion to the good of the world. And this is true with all forms of religion — their differences are only external — underneath it all they lie the eternal truths of a power outside and beyond us — the unknowable — and the morality which teaches men to fulfil the infinite possibilities of their souls. All religions try to express the same truths, in differing

disguised forms they are teaching one
 and the same truths. And, I also
 believe, that just as much as people
 develop their religious will become
 purified - of course that is the
 teaching of history, but I mean in the
 case of the individual - People
 must believe what they can - they must
 gain the truths for which they are
 ready, and they can do no more. For
 that reason I don't believe in taking
 away people's faith - educate them
 and then if they still hold to their
 old forms leave them alone. They are
 sure to get some good from almost
 any form of religion, and unless one is
 sure of replacing their old faith with a
 positive faith in goodness and duty
 it is wrong to set them doubting.
 People are appealed to by such different
 things that we must of necessity
 recognize their individuality in our

attempts to raise them. A religion devoid of ceremony would have no influence on the Catholic - The abstract maxim - "act so that ^{the maxims of} they conduct may become a universal law to all mankind" - would have no effect on Him who, while we might be inspired to noble deeds by the bare statement of an abstract truth and be unmoved in the presence of the worst. So it is in all shades of form - and as it is the highest good for which we seek and not the means by which it is gained, I believe that the religion for each man is that which carries with it the most direct appeal.

But I know you don't like long letters that you can't read -

Are Hop Bitters good? Some of the girls are taking them and I'd like to know.

Isn't it lovely, Isabel Eaton will probably spend most of the summer with me. We intend to learn photography this term so as to use your camera if you

more than ever,
and as if, as is
we held ourselves
to food and
to us we could
our highest relief.
at least of love.
Always.

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Box 93, Winter College.

Northampton, Mass.

Apr. 26, 1886.

My dear Hart;

Thank you for the assurance
of reparation! Do write as
soon as it is accomplished
what they did about it and how.
Take care or you'll turn
lobbyist - by profession, after
such success!

Genl. Spenser wants to know
where the ordinary migratory
Juncos winter. He says he has
found rice in their crops and
is expected to find them in
Florida, but in the winter
he has been there, he has not
seen one.

Mr. Burroughs is expected to-
night. if it clears off, and
he will probably be here till
Thursday. much to my delight,
for the warblers have just
began coming. His name is
acting like magic in bringing
girls into the society, and
I am sure he will inspire
them to observe. Miss Hardy
and I have been taking out
individual girls, and the interest
and care shown of them
manifest is very encouraging.

Is it it good that Mamma
is going to Ocean Grove. She
will build her up

warmer than anything. I am
inclined to think. I wish
it was warm enough for her to
batter.

I heard such a beautiful
interpretation of Easter, yesterday-
from one point-of view - that
it was to ~~mean~~^{be} to us the
resurrection of all that we
had ever known of noble
aspiration, of noble living -
of our highest, sweet selves.
Thinking of it afterwards in
connection with the meadow
lark's song it seemed as if
nature at this Easter-tide

would, perhaps more than ever,
help us to that, and as if, as is
so often said, if we held ourselves
open to all the good and
beautiful about us we could
not but live our highest lives.

With a great deal of love -

Always.

John.

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Ans'd. May 11/86-) Box 93, Linthe College, Northampton, Mass.
May 9, 1886.

My dear Aunt.

Please read the enclosed from Mr. Bisknell, and tell me if you think there is any hope of his coming here later. If you could influence him to, I wish you would. Mama said she would send you my letter about our field work, so that you know how much it would help the girls to have a lecture on the songs now. If he won't come are there any of the others we could get. We can hardly do more than pay expenses now, but we want good meetings to hold the interest. Please write as soon as you can as the committee wants to get the June meeting arranged. Is it then a chance of your being able to come? Are not you going to see Uncle Gus before

the rails. If you did, you could just put your migration lecture in your pocket and slip up here before going back. If you'd do that and take the girls out stamming once or twice it would be a great help. Miss Hardy and I want some points - the girls are learning so fast they'll soon know more than we do.

Then about books - the girls want to know what to get to help them in the summer. When will Ridgway's key be out, and how much will it cost? What is the price of Coates new key, and is it better than Lammels? Please give me the names of any other books that would help them.

I go out with eleven sections a week, including my sub-committee, and I am learning more than I ever did before. We have beautiful places for warblers, and they are very abundant. We saw a flock of nothing but coronate the other day.

I have seen my first live Blackburnian,

3) Maryland yellow-throat, chestnut-sided, black-throated green, and black-throated blue.

I have also heard chickadees and rose-breasted grosbeaks ring for the first time.

We saw Wilson's Thrush last night.

Do birds ever collect material for a nest and then change their minds? I saw a chickadee

pick up things about a week ago, down on the back of the campus, but I have not seen them hardly at all since.

What large bird, large enough for a good sized hawk that is all black and white, and would be likely to light on a telegraph pole? We have the report of one, and neither Miss Brady nor I know what it is.

Don't it be well for the girls to have schedules to keep notes on in summer when they go home? It would keep up their interest and give notes for the localities through

not migration.

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June 22/86.

Box 93, Luster College -

June 6, 1886.

My dear Hart -

Does a redstart ever put pitch on the outside of her nest?

What relation does the song of a hermit thrush bear to that of the Wilson?

How late would hermits probably stay here?

Is the red tail of the hermit-unique?

Would a young thrasher sing so like the adult as to be identified by his song?

How many birds hang their nests?

How many birds walk?

Do birds often desert their nests after they have begun building?

What birds lay in others nests?

What is the average period of incubation?

Do birds begin sitting before their eggs are all laid?

Do chipmunks eat eggs as much as red squirrels?

What key or book is best for western or

middle state girls?

Is there any Ornithology Primer, or book for the use of beginners?

Please send me a hundred schedules as soon as you can, and I'll give them to the girls for their summer notes.

Do you want the notes sent to you or to Mr. Sage and the other Inpts?

Mr. H. Johnson gave a talk on birds at the last Audubon meeting. I've never seen as many in my life as I have this spring. We know of over thirty - most of them on the border of the campus. We found an exquisite Vireo flavifrons nest yesterday.

How many and what birds build in the same place or use their old nests in successive years? - do redstarts?

Did you say that Coles new key cost \$10.00? I could not make out surely.

How many kinds of birds eat cedar worms?

think - you won't have another chance to see your sister

certified
With love -
Always -
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What becomes of the rooms after July?
Send me a few of the economic papers -
schedules, please.

Is Mr. Ridgway's color chart published yet.
and if so when can they be had and how
expensive are they?

What relation do the brown spots on the
breast of young robins bear to its position as
a *Turdus*?

Do you suppose the dull coloring of young
male birds is connected with natural selection?

The pamphlets came the other day, and
I was very glad to get them - Thanks.

How does Collin seem to you?

Did you find your commencement invitation
when you got back. Do come if you
can possibly, for I am very anxious to have

you, as you may know — come as early
as you can — The Dry Excursion Monday
will be as interesting as anything, I think.
I invited Dr. Hadley, Mr. Henshaw, and
Mr. Brewster, but I don't suppose they
will be interested enough to come.

Most of the girls expect a number of
friends, but I guess mine think it is not
worth while to come to see me get a
certificate.

We are invited to Prof. Clark's Tuesday,
and the Presidents' Thursday, but in spite of
everything it does not seem as if we were
really serious and it was ill to be over 20
room — fortunate enough for us that it is 20.

I finished my Thesis last night, and
though I have not been able to do as much
reading as I had intended I am very glad
that I wrote it — There is nothing like doing
a thing at a definite time.

I do hope you'll be able to come — just

more expression.

Ans'd. July 24/86.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

July 20, '86.

My dear Hart;

Do wood ticks do any harm if their heads are left under ones skin? What is the probability concerning a square inch of epidermis from which a number of the said genus was abstracted some two weeks ago, and which still retains a decidedly injured, not to say irritated expression, and is moreover sensitive to the

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touch? What is the proper
method of treatment supposing
the ambitious extremity remains
embedded, and if it should be
forcibly removed is there any
cause for haste? Baldu
has kindly undertaken the support
of a family of some ninety
members, but finds that his
heart was larger than his skin
and so is obliged to call in
his neighbors — i.e. the above.

Papa and Mamma have just
come back from the Falls.

The Ligon place was sold for
\$2400.⁰⁰ to — John Thomas!

Bessie Eastman is here and with
Miss Whitney, Isabel, and I we have
quite jolly times.

Ellie is coming down for a visit
when you are home. I am very
glad she can come, as I have
never had a chance to get
fairly acquainted with her.

I judge she is quite well now
from what she writes.

We are delighted that you are
having such a comfortable summer.

Mr. Dall find it more expressive
than you do.

Isabel has to spend about half
her time studying, but when
haymaking is over we hope to go
about with the girls more.

We are all agreed that the
little "Mistress" is lovely, and
Mrs. Dall simply charming. Did
you know that she ^(Mrs. D) has only
twenty-six?

With love to auntie,

Always, F. L.

Thanks for the keys.

Ans'd. July 24/8

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Locust Grove, N. Y.

(July 1886)

Three cheers for the "chief" who in
brimful advances!

That was good news you sent us
this morning, my dear.

Mammalogy, too, that is quite worth
while. Now you can do good work
in both lines, and have enough
of the hard work done for you to
enable you to do what you want
on your private work.

When are the keys to your bird
cases? Isabel and I want to
study the skins to get up some points.

Your letter acknowledging our schedule
came soon after we got home.

There were a few things I forgot
to add to the copy I made for the

Department that are forgotten in the
hurry of commencement. We found
56 nests, of 22 different species, so
that you may know how abundant
they are. I forget what I note
after the orobird, but compared
with the numbers here they are quite
rare in *H. Chortura pelagica* is very common
there, much more so than here, while it is
just the other way with *Himantopus*
homosomus - difference of site and
country, I suppose.

Mr. St. John gave an interesting
note on an oriole's nest. Apparently it
was the first house the young pair had
ever put together, for they made it
about half the ordinary size - a most
ungraciously looking thing - and when they
finished they left it deliberately, to

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build a better one, it is to be hoped.

Two observers reported a very interesting
thing about *Atropis edicorum*. They
(two of them)
were seen kissing each other.

The Dalli were here to tea to-night—
we gave them a half. penny under the
tree for the benefit of the youngsters.

We find Miss Whitney a great acqui-
sition. She is a good walker, and a
very bright jolly girl.

Isabel and I walk for the mail
mornings, and she is going to join us
soon. She seems very strong for a
sick girl, and does not seem to cough
at all.

Benjamin Eastman is going to stop here
on his way out in a week or so.

Now you come home I wish you'd
bring some paper for us. Morris is -
on I betwixt the 9th is the best-
cheap and reliable place. I wish
you'd get half a ream (60 cents a
quarter) of paper (and envelopes) like
the enclosed, and Isabel and I will
divide it between us.

Collier is looking so much better it-
would be you good to see him. He
had him out on horseback the other
day and is planning to get him to
camp out soon.

I'm half asleep but - I hope
you can "sense" this, if you
can't read it -

With love,
Always,
Florence

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Aug. 5, 1886.

My dear Hart;

The keys you sent did it do
me a great deal of good as
the keys to your cars were
not with them, and the birds
were what I wanted to get at.

Grabel has gone, and so it
does not matter so much now, but
I am very sorry she could not
have seen them. If I had had
any idea she was going so soon
I should have sent for them

earlier. Her mother went to
Main quite unexpectedly, and
went for Isabel to join her.
Bessie has gone too, and it has
been "pennilessly" lonely for a
day or two. But I have
come to the conclusion that
work will carry me over almost
anything in this world, have it
you?

Have you heard the
good news from Mr. Dall?

Mr. D. has a 12 pound
boy. He is quite delighted.

Gertrude Roslands died last
before yesterday. I am convinced
that if Dr. Munier had been
there he would have cured
her as he did Jennie.

Of course you have heard of
Cousin Jennie's death.

It has been freezing cold
here lately. We have almost
stuffed up with a blazing
fire in the grate.

Uncle sails Aug. 28, and
will come here before the fall
of the year.

Flower Foot has a position
on the Albany Express, and is
doing good work there.

Uncle Wallace is coming up
on Saturday.

Uncle Gustavus may come
east this month.

Write love to auntie,

Affectionately,

Flower.

Don Carr and Strauss have the
new code?

Thanks for the stamps and numerous
circulars.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Aug. 10, '86.

My dear Hart:

Mr. Fisher wants to know where
he can find Three-tail wood-
peckers. He is only going to be here
a short time but he is going to
get a permit and try to secure
a few specimens for the Cincinnati
Naturalists Club collection.

We were down at the falls to tea
last night, and found Collins
sitting on finely, and the children
well and happy.

I wish you'd send the keys to
your bird caver if you are not
coming home soon —

Mamma has told you all the
news, so I won't repeat.

With love — Fran.

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could kill her.

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It would be the best
her.

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morning to consult about
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low. Always. J. H.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Oct. 26, 1886.

My dear Aunt:

I ordered Mrs. Turnwood's book
for you yesterday, and also
Harper's Bazar as it is said to
contain weekly suggestions
regarding the truest ways of
doing things in household and
social matters. I hope you'll
find them easier to master than
I fear I would. Like a knowledge
of business it is one of the
necessities that one has to
expend many's the weary thought

over, and Countryed Bohemians
like ourselves find it especially
hard to give ourselves an
appearance of convenience with
the ways of the world.

Papa went to New York
Monday and will probably
stay until the end of the week.

Uncle Wallace went down
this morning. There is some
prospect of his getting something
to do. He is very anxious to
send Edie to Europe with
Uncle Gus next summer.

She has Louise Chase as a
private pupil, and goes to a
school to teach, besides, so getting
nine dollars a week.

— Ella has just been over, and
says that last night Aunt Helen
made a mis-step at the top of the
stairs and fell all the way to the
bottom, rupturing a tendon going
from her arm to her collar bone, and
injuring her hips. She had a
nervous chill, and suffers intensely
thence the stairs. Dr. Rung says
she won't be able to do anything
all winter, but in spite of that

she insists on going home. Dr. R.
told Ella that if she had another
of those fall storm attacks and was
alone, it would kill her.

She certainly ought to get out of
this climate before her rheumatism
complicates matters. I hope she
will feel that she can go with us
if we go to Bermuda and the
Bahamas. It would be the best
thing for her.

Ella says that Dr. Crosby came
up this morning to consult about
Mrs. Dr. Camp over long trouble
that they are facing.

With love. Always. J. L.

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keeping a business with Mr. D. & Papa - have filed your
your bills already, and are in for Collinsville next 5 - ad

My dear, as we
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 unexplained delay your letter only
 reached me yesterday.
 [N.W. 1866]

Papa and Mamma went to see
Aunt Helen yesterday P. M. and
found that she had given her
hips another strain by that
step on grandmamma's chair, and
was feeling very badly. Eli
bety is a sickly child and is
altogether they have a hard time.
Mrs. Dr. C. is very dangerously ill
with an acute attack of
Bright's Disease, and two nurses
have to work over her all the
time. Annie Miller has proved

invaluable. Poor Flo is nearly
worn out.

John's address is

1916-35th St. N.W.,

Unless it would be a grief to
Lizzie. I think perhaps it would
be just as well to leave H. there -
especially if she is not remarkably
improvable. It would be hard
to draw the line if not there; but
of course you can tell best
about that yourselves.

Now for a few more
suggestions - Let L. write with
a style & she will have a
more practiced hand - necessarily

or disuse show with a fine
pen, but a style costs a
multitude of sins. I'd
write as if I had the palsy
with a fine steel pen.

Now, my dear, do take pride in
having your wife dress as other
ladies do - of course it will
cost something, but she can't
go in society at all in justice
to herself or to you without
wearing all the advantages of
suitable clothes.

Of course a handsome stylishly
made wool dress will do for

morning - lunches, church, and
afternoon receptions, although for
the most formal lunches and
receptions a handsome black
silk is the thing - of course
bonnets must be worn at all
of them. Simple morning dress
is always the best taste. But
she certainly ought to have one
or ^{or garret} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~not~~ ^{be} ~~becoming~~ -
light silk, with a train for
evening receptions, dinners, etc.
and it should be made by a
good dressmaker so as to have
an air, you know. Undressed
tan gloves are still the thing
for dinners & receptions, as well
as more general wear.

I'm taking a course in book-

keeping & business with Mr. D. & Papa - have filed some
years' bills already, and am in for Collinsville acct. - at
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have to work
time. Amen

morning - luncheon, church, and afternoon reception, although for the most formal luncheon and reception a handsome check with is the thing - of course bonnets must be worn at all of these. Simple morning dress is always the best taste. But the certainly ought to have five or six pairs of hats and a morning - night with, with a train for morning reception, church, etc. and it should be made by a good dressmaker so as to have an air, you know! Moreover tan gloves are still the thing for dinner & reception, as well as more formal wear. 9 - in taking a course in dress -

keeping a business with Mr. D. & Papa - have filed four
 grand bills already, and am in for Columbia seats - at
 Newport and Worcester next to be
 packed in yesterday. [Nov. 1865]
 Aunt Helen yesterday P.M. and
 found that she had given the
 ship another shew by that
 she is grandeur's cheer, and
 was feeling very badly. Elai
 baby is a sickly child and is
 also often very near a bad time.
 Mr. Dr. C. is very dangerously ill
 with an acute attack of
 Bright's disease, and the nurses
 have to work very hard the
 time. Annie Miller has passed

[Fall 1886?]

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trust them.

With a great deal of love - Partly.

of feathers, and we will have
a desperate fight. ^{incomplete}

I've gotten the girls at College
to have an Audubon mass
meeting, inviting everyone to come
and giving a review of statistics
for the benefit of the newcomers,
with special emphasis on the
work we need to do this fall.
At their request I've sent a
letter to be read, and we
hope to rouse interest and
enthusiasm by the plan.
They write that the girls are
anxious to begin field work

and that they are going to take it up next week.

The Class Officers have been sitting on my case and have decided that when I have made up Latin and German they will offer my name for a B. L., as I'm going to send for the books and return from the world.

I mean to get it when I go back to class re-union next Commencement if it's possible.

Collins and Flo are coming up here for the

winter to keep the house open.

You know the sisters have divided their property and matters are to be established on a new basis in the future.

Mrs. Dell walked to Grandma's this afternoon. They expect to leave next week.

Beth W. and I do a great deal of walking - quite a share of it before breakfast.

I packed your things before to-day, and they will

for to-morrow I hope. Since
you came back from the south
John has been so busy and
we have sent to the Post on
any when else so seldom that
I have let the things go.

I packed the vacant top of
the box with the old curtains I
had at College. You can have
them dyed and then they will
do to use for bedrooms, anyway,
and if you don't need them
you can store them away
somewhere - they're Canton flannel,
the mother won't hurt them.

With a great deal of love - Partly.

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Ans'd. Nov. 24/86.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Nov. 10, 1886.

My dear Hart:

Mr. ~~Wm~~ Miller spent his night here last week, and he told Papa that Congress was to convene Dec. 1 and that if he was re-elected he meant to push matters in your Dept. Papa wanted me to tell you the date as that you would certainly know about the time for your report.

Are the suggestions in Mr. Avery's Forest & Stream article on the Rice Bird likely to prove stronger than the evidence against him?

How I should like to attend the A. O. U. meeting - though I

Give her my love when you see her.

suppose the papers would be so
technical that I could not
profit by them much.

I wish I might have done more
to merit being an A. O. U. this
year, but I've accomplished
some Audubon work anyway,
both last spring & this fall.

This fall I've distributed
directly and indirectly over
ten thousand Audubon papers,
sent articles to about fifteen
newspapers, organized six
local secretariats, three of
which are doing active work,
distributed papers in all the
neighboring towns, started the

College girls up to renew the
battle, and written letters to
everyone I ever heard of.
My list of Audubon members
is now 72. Post-Leyden 56,
and Durin 58.

Write me about the A. O. U.
meeting.

Mrs. Dr. Camp is now comfortable
but is still terribly sick. Mr. DeC.
and his sister Minnie relieve
Auntie Miller nights, so that
poor Flo is getting a little rest.

Is it then anything mamma
can take to make her sleep?
She is getting very much

now from losing so much
at both ends of the night.

Papa and Mr. Dayan go out to
the B. R. B. R. meeting to-day.

Papa wants to know if you don't
want that little buffalo skin
with the horns on for your feet
in the office. It is a very
soft pretty skin - not at all
coarse. Looks almost like bear -
and I should think it would
do as a rug in your house.

Have you had a plate engraved
for calling cards?

Snow 2-3 inches and more
coming. Take care always.

Miss Whitney writes
Mrs. Dall is not so well as she has been.

Ans'd. Nov. 24/86.

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Ans. Nov. 24/86

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Nov. 14, '86.

My dear Hart;

We were glad to hear from
you this morning, and to
know that the freight
had reached you safely.

I wish you'd propose
Miss Frances P. Hardy

as an associate member

of the A. O. U. She knows
ten times more about birds
than I do, and is going
to do good work in

ornithology, and she
would do honor to the
Union. She is a girl of
unusually fine mind
and her record at
college would be backing
for any such position.

She is now a Junior,
having taken the first
three years in two.

Capt. Bendin, Mr.

Bruster, and Chamberlain
as well as many of the

other A. O. U. men know
her by correspondence.
and will be glad to
have her in the A. O. U.
Don't forget it, because
she certainly ought to be in.

Do you know the
"Naturalist's Companion"
printed by C. P. Gull in
Brookport N. Y., and what
other similar ornithological
papers are there - good
for beginners like the girls
at College?

Is the biologist too technical
for the girls?

Lucet has been quite
sick with a cold - had
several convulsions; and they
are still very anxious about her.

He still hopes to come up
here if Mrs. Dr. C. recovers.

A foot of snow on the
ground now, and storming
hard. John is breaking your
coll. Nicky too - Hasty -

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Ans. Nov. 24/86

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Ans. Nov. 26/86

Answer

Nov. 23, '86.

My dear Hart:

Mr. Dr. Camp's letter full time
did yesterday.

Papa went to Boston in the morning.
He says Bentley considers it absolutely
essential for you to be here as a
witness now that Mr. D. has gone.

The next hearing is Nov. 29 - when
they bring their witnesses. Mr. B. thinks
the settlement will be speeded, in which
case if they can't leave Mr. Dr. C.
we will probably stay here for the
winter. If we do I'll try to get
mauve away for some visits.

Now, my dear, I wish you'd do
something for me. One of my
two upper front teeth is decaying - these

are two dark spots coming on
either side of the filling, and I
want to know how important it is
to have it attended to immediately.
And, I want the name of a
reliable dentist in New York.
I can't afford to lose them
little by going to a second rate man.
Now I wish you would go to Dr.
Evans and ask him about it. I
wrote to him two weeks ago, but
perhaps he has moved. I have not
heard. He may remember the letter
when you tell him that he said
they could be filled so that only
the capping would have to be
removed in future - as the bone
filling wore off on the surface,
and that they are said to have come

through without enamel, from
early sickness. He filled two lower
molars for me with gold, & built
up half of an upper tooth that had
decayed to the nerve. He may
remember the case and so be able to
judge of the urgency of present
filling if you tell him this.

Hastily - FL

besides that

ackd. Dec. 4/86. Ernest Grover. N. Y.

Dec - Nov 26, 1886.

My dear Hart:

Your telegram has just
come. Papa had word from
Bentley yesterday that Lindslays
clocks had gone west and
his papers were in confusion
and he had so much work
preparing for court that he
could not meet Monday, and
so the suit is postponed -
probably for a week.

When the next hearing comes
Papa hopes to get through

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with the Price witnesses in two days - Mr. Dayan said four - and then he hopes to have one day to rebut the testimony, when you will be needed. Of course all this about time is mere supposition and the only way we can do is to telegraph you in time to come on.

I was very glad to get your letter this morning and to hear about the

A. O. N. meeting and the good time you had. It was my kind of the Doll to ask you then, and as they are not entertaining this winter it was an especial attention, but I suppose it can only be returned by another quiet dinner, for that reason.

I am very glad Elizabeth makes such a good housewife. I am sure I should feel quite awkwardly in such a situation.

Will there be any report

of the meeting besides that ackd. Dec. 4/86.
in the Ark?

Give my love to Jessie when
you see her and tell her
that I would like to receive
a postal from her. She will
understand the reference.

She is a glorious girl: one
of the best minds in '86.

Mr. Butler, the Russian Secretary
from New York went on to
the mine with Papa last
week and stopped here over
night on the way back.

Gussett was dressed

My dear Har
Your letter
came. Papa
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& Poplar
t. Constance
Howells &
of George Eliot,
everyone has
King and the
his best.
is a great

Sunday, but is still very weak.

Mrs. Lyon was made quite
rich by the death of the little
twin, but they are all better
now.

Mama goes to sleep
about 2 A.M. - did for
two nights in succession, and
is getting into her old most
wretched habits, and in
consequence is very morbid
and nervous. She ought
never to live in this benighted
region.

Papa is getting very much
blind, and I spend most

of my time, when I am
not housekeeping, studying
up business matters and
getting our affairs in black
and white order.

I made my first monthly
settlement with La Quay
last week. In fact, I
am trying to become master
of the situation, and hope
to learn a great deal
before the winter is over.

It is discouraging, because
business requires so much
actual experience, and

neither you nor I have had
a great deal of that kind.

Chess and whist are our
diversions, and whist is an
excellent distraction for mama.

Papa feels my tenderness
toward you, but he has been
a very proud man, and it
is hard for him to accept the
situation.

Warren Miller gave him
a book on dieting, and he has
profited by it to a remarkable
extent.

With much love,

Affectionately, Flo.

I will send you Nicoll's
Landmarks of Eng. Literature. It
will give Elizabeth a great many
points and be a good starting
point for reading. A few of the
authors that are most talked of now
are George Eliot, Carlyle, Emerson,
Hawthorne, with the lives and correspon-
dence of each; Browning, Matthew
Arnold, Lowell, Charles Egbert
Cuddick - especially his *Prophet*
of the Great Smoky Mt. - Constance
Feminine Woolston, Howells &
James. Cross' *Life of George Eliot*,
and Froude's *Carlyle* everyone has
read. Browning's *Rings and the*
Book is considered his best.
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region.
Papa
Blunder.

zeal for him now. He is a
grand poet - strong and true.

Ratten had nothing at first as he
is of the metaphysical school.

Let E. read to you evenings. It
will rest you and do you both

good. The Cooperan contains
some of the most famous
work in sculpture, and by a

careful study, with the catalogue
of everything there is there.

E. can get quite a start in
a general knowledge of art.
You ought to make a point of
letting her hear all the best

music. She is to move
among cultured people and
you want to help her to meet
them as your wife should.
They will judge her by
general culture and that is
what you can give her.

Hastily,
FL.

ansd. Dec. 6/86.

Locust Grove, N.Y.

Dec. 3, 1886.

My darling Brother:

It is late and I can
only stop to give you a
birthday kiss and hand
grasp that will perhaps
hint to you all that
I hope the new year
may bring you of
happiness, and of strength
that shall add to the
nobility of your manhood.

I send you a copy of
Lorell, my most dearly
loved poet, and I am sure
that you must love him
too. In reaching the
heart of nature he shows
kinder than any & then the
inseparable connection of
beauty with goodness
and truth. He does not
make a 'catalogue'; but
with a spiritualized
vision sees the soul
of nature, and the

messages she has for
man.

May this new year
bring you joy and peace,
leading you surely toward
the aim of all true life-
perfection.

With love always,

Your devoted sister,
Florence.

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Collins, and
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them to live, or
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rebuild it.

Papa brought your letter up to-night. Of course papa wrote
you that the trial had been postponed to the 16th - possibly until

after
County Court,
Littleton,
Hartley.
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Yours sincerely,
Dec. 6, 1886.

My dear Jack:

The Lyons house is burned
to the ground! nothing but
the walls and the roofed
being left. It burned last night.
The fire started in Mrs.
de Camp's fire place and went
from there to the third story
and so back again to the
first floor. Mr. Dr C. Min
de C., Jr., & Miss McQueen
were in Roomville & did not
get back until too late to
do anything, so that Collins

had to attend to everything. Thirty or forty people came over from the village, and after Mrs. de C. Mrs. Lyon - the children were taken to Haverhill. They went to work to save what they could. Everything on the first floor was gotten out, and a great deal of the furniture was saved from upstairs, but Miss McE. lost all her jewelry and everything else and they all, servants included, lost most of their clothing. There were about 40 trunks on the third floor but their

force was so small and the time so short they did not save one. Collins saved all the papers and books.

Mrs. de Camp was taken on a bed in a sleigh directly to the Mills. Mr. de C. Annie, Miss de C. the baby and the two nurses going with her.

Mrs. Lyon, Miss McE. and Flo are at the Whittneys tonight - and Mrs. Lyon and her maid will probably go to Cohasset tomorrow when Flo will join Collins. The four children and two servants

here. Collins shows the effect
of the strain, but he will
probably feel better in the morning.
They were insured \$8,000! and
that only as security, so that it
will not be any reparation. They
have all fought against insurance
except Mr. Fisher and Collins, and
they would not have had a cent if
Archela had not insisted on it.
They may each get \$1,000 out of
it, but that is almost nothing.

The matter seems to lie between
Ho - Collins coming here to live, or
fixing up the Sycams. They will
probably stay here this winter at
any rate. The house is broken up
and they will never rebuild it.

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staying up the gorge. They will
probably stay here this winter at
any rate. The house is broken up
and they will never rebuild it.

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you that the trial had been postponed to the 16th - possibly until
after county court.
Nathan, Hartley, &
May has back.
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to the ground! nothing left
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do anything, so that Collins

Dec. 6, 1886.

Ans'd. Dec. 14/86. |

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Dec. 11, 1886.

My dear Hunt:

I hope you won't be disappointed, but I am going to New York, probably, next Tuesday, at any rate as soon as Dr. Willard can give me an appointment.

My teeth do not pain me, exactly, but I am uncomfortably conscious

of them too much of the time,

and the shot. of decay are

spreading, so that altogether I

do not like to leave them.

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secret which you must not
divulge. I have a plan of my
own for the winter. Now that
Collins and his family are at
Ipswich I am not united there,
and if they go away Papa and
Mamma will not need me with
them, so that I have a chance
that I have dreamed of but
did not dare hope for to
carry out one of my cherished
plans.

Prof. Corson of Cornell is a
literary student of marked

attainments. He is the second
best Chaucer reader in the world,
concededly so, not a quotation—
and is also a special student of
Beowulf. He is a real scholar
and his literary work ranks
him among those masters with
whom it is a life long benefit
to study. Now I have done
my little work in literature at
Smith, and as I mean to make it
a special study in the future, it
will be invaluable to me to
study with him before working
by myself.

One of my old Smith room-

mates and another of the
'85 girls are then taking his
lectures now, so that as far
as that goes it will be
pleasant class. But the work
is what I want. I have
had such a good rest now,
that I am very anxious to
begin work again, and I
don't know when I shall have
another opportunity like this.
So you see I want to get my
lith out of the way - so to speak -
and then if I see that I can,
pack my trunk for Cornell at

Ans. D.

My dear

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Lorust Grove, N. Y.

The beginning of the winter term.
I will be in the city only as
long as necessary, as I must
get home to business, & other
preparations, and then for the
winter. I wish you would

write me at 35 & 36, Gramercy
Park, where I am going to
stay with Miss Ella, and I
hope you would not be disappointed
about my not coming to see you.

But I think you must see that
this is what I have to do about
anything now. I have expected

to go somewhere as soon as I
had the opportunity, and still
look forward to studying at
Johns Hopkins in the future, for
a college course is only the
foundation on which to build
special work.

John is going in a few
minutes so I must stop.

With love always my dear
boy. Your affectionate sister,
She.

Ans. Jan. 1/87.

Locust Grove, N. Y.

Dec. 24, 1886.

My dear Hart:

Your letter reached me
in New York and I was very
sorry for your disappointment,
and I hope you will be able
to visit your room later - if
you advertise I am sure you
will.

I am at home for anything
but a note to-night, to say
that I have ordered Harper's
Magazine for you for Christmas.
It ought to begin with the
January number, but if it does not

Come all right, please let me
know.

With all the wishes that
go from a loving heart at
the Christmastide when all
men are thinking tenderly of
their dear ones,

Always, my dear boy,

Your loving sister,
Florence.

Locust Grove, N. Y. [1896?]

Wednesday -
Dear Hart -

Cliff says that "the
East shore will send
us then into pneumonia",
and she must not risk
stopping in W unless you can
keep her bedroom as well
as the rest of the house at 70°
Telegraph us as soon as you
get this as we go Friday &
must know how far to
engage our sections. *Hatcher*
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Ans. Jan. 1/87 | General Geo. U. G.

Dec. 28, 1886.

My dear Aunt:

Your letter and check came
this morning and I am
very much obliged, but
the horses are here and
I can't say any more now.

With much love,

Apprentice
F. M.

END OF REEL.
PLEASE
REWIND.

